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# THE HUGHES FAMILY AND CONNECTIONS

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GASS, WARD AND BOZE FAMILIES

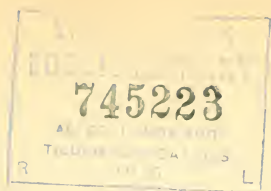
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TO THE SACRED MEMORY OF MY DE-  
PARTED MOTHER, WHOSE FINGER, UN-  
ERRINGLY AS THE NEEDLE TO THE MAG-  
NETIC CURRENT, EVER POINTED ME IN  
THE WAY OF THE RIGHT, THIS LITTLE  
VOLUME IS TENDERLY INSCRIBED.





## PREFACE

**I** SHALL not consume time, or occupy space, or weary my reader with a recital of the vexatious and exasperating difficulties that have attended the preparation of this book. Long and tedious has been the search, but it is now ended, the worry is past, the work is done. I claim no merit for artistic finish. My endeavor has been to state facts of family history so plainly that those that run may read and understand.

It has been purely a labor of love, prompted by a loyal interest in my family history. It was not undertaken with any thought of pecuniary profit. In my search for a more extended knowledge of my ancestry, while groping in the dark, catching only a gleam now and then, I conceived the thought of hanging out a few beacon lights to guide the future wayfarer in a laudable search for a knowledge of those that have gone before.

If I have succeeded in so placing such lights that they will send a gleam athwart the pathway of the generations that will follow me, I shall feel amply repaid for my labor.

THE AUTHOR.

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## HUGHES FAMILY

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**Found Throughout the World—Always Ranged on the  
Side of Liberty**

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BY ELEANOR LEXINGTON

**T**HE Hughes family has always been largely represented in Wales, England, Ireland and America, and has furnished many prominent personages. Its roster of poets alone is a notable one, and if the family have not furnished all the best poems in the world, it is not their fault, but their oversight.

Hugh Hughes is a favorite combination, and one thus called, born at the end of the seventeenth century, was a Welsh poet of renown. He was the son of Iruffydd Hughes, a descendant of the Lord Twrcelyn. Hugh Hughes' verses are preserved in the British museum. The family wrote history, as well as poetry, and they were equally mighty with the sword. Admiral Sir Richard Hughes was a man of valor. Margaret Hughes contended with Mary Betterton, the position of the earliest actress of the English stage, which, in fact, belongs to neither. Margaret is the earliest recorded Desdemona, and the date is 1663.

No one, of course, forgets that "Tom Brown's School Days" was written by Thomas Hughes, founder of the Rugby colony in Tennessee. And one of the Governors of this State was a Hughes. Thomas Hughes was the son of John, who was the son of "clever, active Mrs. Hughes," a friend of Walter Scott's. "The Magical Lay of the One-Horse Chay" is attributed to John Hughes, and Scott refers to it. The lay "shows up" Mr. and Mrs.

John Ball, and tells about Mr. Bubb who "lived quite genteel with a one-horse chay."

"Mrs. Bubb was gay and free, fair, fat and forty-three.  
"And filled the better half of the one-horse chay."

One line of Hughes descends from one of the fifteen noble tribes of Gwynedd, Princes of Wales, taking up, along the line, ancestors who rather tax the orthography of this simplified date. There was Hugh ap Kynric and his wife Gwenllian, daughter of John Vychan ap John, ap Iruffydd ap Owen Pygott. You put "Hughes" in somewhere, where most convenient.

Hugh is the foundation stone of this name, and means affability and also comfort; it likewise means, in Gaelic, a guest, as well as a stranger.

Hughes, Huget and Hewitt are the sons of Hugh. Hig, Hug and Hick, nicknames of Hugh, give the names of Higgins, Huggins, Hicks, Hiccock and Hutchins. Fitzhugh is the son of Hugh.

Hewes and Huse are forms frequently found in colonial records, when one style of spelling was as good as another. Abel Huse, born in London, with wife Mary, settled in Newbury, Mass., in 1635. They had sons, Thomas and James. A Captain, Samuel Huse, born 1730, is called son of James.

Other pioneers, or founders of families, were Richard Hughes, 1640, of Guilford, Conn.; Arthur, 1676, of Salem, Mass., and John, of Hatfield, a soldier.

Henry Freeman Hughes and his brother Bodwell, born in Wales, settled at East Haven, Conn., about 1740. Their name more frequently occurs as Huse. Henry married Lydia Tuttle, July 19, 1749, and with his bride, acquired a large property, which she inherited from her father. If a mental photograph of Henry is desired by his descendants, here it is: Medium height, stout, well built, blue eyes, brown hair, prominent features, massive head; physical characteristics these of the Hughes family.

Bodwell Hughes married Mercy Collins. Henry had five children—three being sons.

Jesse Hughes, the Virginia pioneer, is called a Huguenot refugee. He and his wife came to Powhattan County, Virginia, about 1675, where the place he owned, called "Hughes Creek," remained in the family for four generations. From Virginia, the family branched out, to West Virginia, North Carolina and Kentucky, and later to Colorado.

The Hughes of South Carolina, however, claim New England ancestry, Jesse, of the third generation, was an Indian fighter, a brave man, and a West Virginia explorer. Of this line was Martha Hughes, who married George Walton, the uncle of George Walton, of Virginia, a "signer."

The Hughes' record is a patriotic one all along the line, George Robert Twelve Hughes was one of the Boston "Tea Party" 1773. James Hughes, of Pennsylvania, who was one of Washington's body guard. Joseph Hewes, of New Jersey, was a "signer." Connecticut gave to the Revolution Lieutenant James, Massachusetts; Lieutenant Samuel, Rhode Island; Lieutenant Thomas, New York; Assistant Quartermaster Hugh, Pennsylvania; Lieutenant Greenberry Hughes, and Virginia, Ensigns Henry and Pratt; Cornet Jasper; Lieutenant John and Thomas, and Captain Robert, the grandson of Jesse Hughes, immigrant Jesse, son of David Hughes, of Virginia, was a Captain in the War of 1812, and married Elizabeth Morton. David's wife was Judith Daniel.

Among marriage connections of the Hughes are the Fays, Kingsbury and Lewises, of Virginia; Jane, daughter of Jane Strother and Thomas Lewis, who was a burgess, married Thomas Hughes, about 1775. Galloways and Chews are also nearly related, and in "Americans of Royal descent" we find that the Chew and Hughes connection trace descent from Henry II., of England, and his Queen Eleanor, of Aquitaine.

Characteristics of the Hughes are quick perceptions and practical reasoning; they are original in thought, independent in action, simple in their tastes and habits. Of

one, it is said that, "he exercised his mind with contemplation, and his body with actions, and preserved the health of both."

Of another, it is written, that "her life was a benediction rather than a sermon."

The coat-of-arms reproduced is blazoned in Burke's "Peerage;" Argent; an eagle with two heads, displayed, sable.

Crest: An eagle's head erased, sable; in the beak, a brand, raguly of the same, fired, gules.

Motto: Fynno Duw Diefydd—what God wills, will be, or let God's will be done.

Another coat-of-arms is gules; two lions passant; a rose in chief, argent. Crest, granted 1620; out of a coronet, or, a demi-lion, argent, holding a rose, gules. This is the coat-armor borne by the line, tracing back to Cadwalader, son of Griffith, ap Cynan, King of North Wales, and his wife Dyddgy, daughter of Meredith ap Cynfyn. The arms of Sir Richard Hughes, baronet, 1773, is: Azure; a lion, rampant, or Crest: A lion, couchant, or Both—the eagle and lion are most heraldic charges.

The English family of Hughes have homes in Devon; Surrey; Kent, Warwick; Sherdley Hall, Lancaster, and the Isle of Wight, where they hold positions of prominence.



## INTRODUCTION

**T**HE foregoing able and scholarly article, written by Eleanor Lexington, and published in the St. Paul Daily Dispatch, of August 8, 1908, is both interesting and instructive. The light that it casts upon the etymology of the name Hughes is of great value. That it is historically true in the main I know no reason to doubt. I find but one historical error in it, and that is probably the fault of the printer. The Joseph Hewes that was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence was from North Carolina and not from New Jersey as stated by Miss Lexington.

That any part of this article has reference to our branch of the Hughes family there is no positive proof known to me; though there is some pretty strong circumstantial evidence in the case of the Jesse Hughes that settled in Powhatan County, Virginia, in 1675. From reliable information I have been able to trace my family lineage back to Leander Hughes, who appears to have been born in Cumberland County, Virginia, about the year 1700, as will be seen later. It is said that Leander's father, whose Christian name is not known, came from Wales. Could he have been this same Jesse that with his wife settled in Powhattan County in 1675? That theory appears plausible as the circumstances as to time connect very well, and Powhatan County joins Cumberland on the east.

From Miss Lexington's article it appears that one branch of the Hughes family claims descent from Henry II. of England and his wife, Eleanor, Duchess of Aguitaine. It has been said that a noble ancestry is a gift of the gods; but what is a noble ancestry?

Descent from a royal family is honorable only in pro-

portion to the worthiness of the persons from whom the descent is claimed. Henry II., considering the period in which he lived, was an able and worthy ruler. He was a great-grandson of William, the Norman conqueror. He was the first of the long and illustrious line of Angevins or Plantagenets. He brought about many reforms in government; he curbed and held in check the arrogance of the clergy, suppressed lawlessness, and strove to better the condition of the common people. Some historians describe him as one of the best and greatest of English Kings. His wife, Eleanor, was a woman to whom Dame Fortune gave a checkered life. She was the daughter of the Duke of Guienne or Agitaine in France. She was successively the wife of two Kings, from the first of whom she was divorced, and she was the mother of two Kings. She was probably the richest woman in her own right that ever became the wife of an English King. She was one of the most beautiful and accomplished women that ever graced the English court; and some historians describe her as one of the most wicked and infamous that ever disgraced it. She encouraged her sons to rebel against their father, and it is said hastened his death with worry. It has been claimed that Henry's neglect and conjugal infidelity drove her to hate him; similar charges have been made against her while the wife of her first husband, Louis VII. of France. Henry kept her in prison during the last fifteen years of his life.

Every King and Queen regnant that has sat upon the English throne since their time has been a descendant of this royal couple. Whatever of glory or of shame we find in the long line of English rulers during the last seven centuries has been the history of Henry and Eleanor's posterity. The chivalry of Richard I.; the wickedness and tyranny of King John, who has been called the worst King and the worst man that ever wore the crown of England; the feebleness and vacillation of Henry III.; the brilliant achievements of the strong and virile Edward III.; the inglorious reign and death of Richard II.; the

illustrious life of Henry V; the weak and ignominious reign of Henry VI; the brilliant career of Prince John, Duke of Bedford, pride of the English nobility, with Knight and vassal sweeping over the fair fields of France like the besom of destruction, leaving death and desolation in his track, and at last stamping his name with everlasting infamy with the indelible stain of the blood of Joan de Arc; the enormities of Edward IV and infamous brother, Richard III, the latter of whom expiated his manifold crimes with his life upon Bosworth Field; the cruel wickedness of beastly old Henry VIII, with his hands red with the blood of two wives; the appalling crimes of Mary I; the glorious reign of Elizabeth; the despotic career and tragic ending of Charles I; the tyranny and final flight from the country of James II; and the long and glorious reign of that queenly woman and womanly queen, Victoria, must all be taken as a whole by those who claim their descent from Henry and Eleanor. We can not accept the good and reject the bad.

Query; is the honor worth contending for?

I have inserted Miss Lexington's article and the Hughes coat-of-arms in this book on account of their historic value. I take great interest in heraldry. Emblems of honor, heraldic tokens won by chivalrous and patriotic service rendered by men should inspire a loyal family pride in the descendants of such heroes. Edward, the Black Prince, won deathless fame by his chivalry at the battle of Cressy, when he captured the banner of John, King of Bohemia, on which was inscribed the legend "Ich Dien" (I serve) and which became the motto of the Prince of Wales, and has so continued to the present day.

These things are fine to hand down to one's descendants; but the best and the brightest escutcheon of all is one emblazoned with honesty, integrity, and a conscience void of guile. Looking back along all the different lines of my ancestry I find an unbroken succession of plain, honest, industrious, intelligent, God-loving and God-fearing people, literally fulfilling the divine fiat, "By the sweat

of thy brow shalt thou eat bread;" faithfully rendering *quid pro quo* in all the relations of life; toiling by day and at night sleeping the sleep of the just; looking every man in the face, and bowing the knee to none but their God. Such have been my progenitors throughout their generations. I have never yet heard of an ancestor of mine that was ever convicted of, or even charged with, a crime or high misdemeanor; or one that ever soiled his pocket with a foul penny.

"Let no mean hope your souls enslave;  
Be independent, generous, brave;  
Your fathers such example gave,  
And such revere!"

Far better and more glorious is this than all the crowns and coronets and scepters and heraldic emblems that ever flashed in the sunlight of heaven.

Sizing up the whole case, I believe if I could choose my own line of descent, I would strike an average and take it from John Bunyon or poor, blind, old John Milton, rather than from the English royal family.

This family history is not perfect. No history of the kind ever was. Of some branches of the family I have been able to obtain only a very partial sketch, while of others every trace has been lost. If I have said more about some branches of the family than of others it is because I have been more fully advised about some than about others. It has been my aim to do exact justice to all persons mentioned as nearly as the facts at my command would permit. A great deal of my information was given by persons who were themselves only partially acquainted with the facts, but kindly gave them as best they could.

Many very intelligent people get mixed up in regard to the degree of relationship between cousins one or more times removed. Therefore, I take the liberty of giving a little explanation of my own, thus:

0	A is a first cousin to	B	0
1	C	D	1
2	E	F	2
3	G	H	3

In the above C is a son of A, E is a son of C and G a son of E.

D is a son of B; F is a son of D and H a son of F. The small figures on each side indicate the number of removals from first cousins.

Now, we add the number of removals on both sides, and their sum +1 represents the degree of relationship. We wish to know the relationship between B. and G. Then we have B 0, G 3. That gives the equation  $0+3+1=4$ . B and G are fourth cousins.

For A and D we have  $0+1+1=2$ , second cousins. For C and D,  $1+1+1=3$ , third cousins. For G and H,  $3+3+1=7$ , seventh cousins, and so on ad infinitum.

A very little study of the above will enable one readily to arrive at the degree of relationship between cousins, no matter how distant.

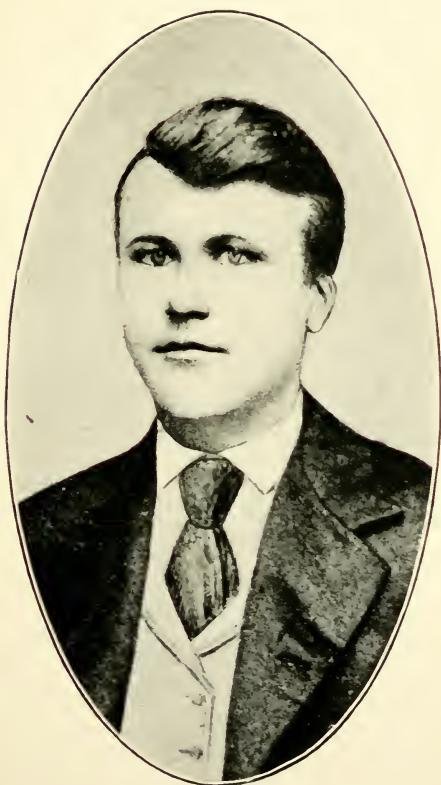
This method of ascertaining the degree of relationship between distant cousins is the legal one employed by the courts of this country in deciding cases involving the law of inheritance. In case of the death of G. without children or any other heirs nearer than cousins, D would inherit in preference to F, and F in preference to H, and so on.

I feel that I would be remiss in duty if I should fail to acknowledge my obligation to the many relatives and friends that have aided me in gathering the information, without which this history could not have been written. I shall endeavor to mention every one without exception. If I omit any it will be an oversight. They are as follows:

Mesdames Mary Hooker, now deceased, Berry's Lick, Ky.; Martha M. Carson, now deceased, Morgantown, Ky.;

Mintie D. Bransford, Dixons Spring, Tenn.; Ophelia A. Cunningham, Lebanon, Tenn.; Serepta Inez Coffee, Gordonsville, Tenn.; Lucy Lea Johnson, Hickman, Tenn.; Lucy A. Johnson, Greenbrier, Tenn.; Susan A. Helwig, Trenton, Mo.; Mattie Carmack, Knob Noster, Mo.; Fannie G. Porter, Sweet Springs, Mo.; Paralee Botts, Sedalia, Mo.; Salena Grant, Joplin, Mo.; Elizabeth Warren Spivey, Austin, Texas; Tamesia Catharine Johnson, Dallas, Texas; Nadine Glover, Abilene, Texas; Martha Genetta Johnson, Blossom, Texas; Hattie May Morris, Los Angeles, Cal.; Susan Jane Wheeler, Marion, Ky.; Lela Henry, Marion, Ky.; Henrie Hughes, Marion, Ky.; Anna Hughes, Marion, Ky.; Edith Jane Franklin, Marion, Ky.; Pearl Joiner, Chicago, Ill.; Nancy B. James, Paducah, Ky.; Susan B. Perry, Paducah, Ky.; Lucy J. Bell, Nashville, Tenn.; Candace C. Cox, Manitou, Ky.; Georgie E. Anderson, Oakville, Ky.; Margaret D. Hughes, Shady Grove, Ky.; Sadie Anderson, Galena, Kansas; Misses Samantha Hooker, Berry's Lick, Ky.; Roberta Louise Baird, Hickman, Tenn.; Emily F. Ward, Kansas City, Mo.; Jessie Hurt, Georgetown, Texas, and Maude Hughes, Nashville, Tenn.; and Messrs. W. G. Bransford, New Middleton, Tenn.; Dr. Robert E. Johnson, Grant, Tenn.; William D. Gold, Carthage, Tenn.; William R. Perkins, Stonewall, Tenn.; Hardy C. Gass, Brush Creek, Tenn.; Rev. James S. Porter, Rich Hill, Mo.; Madison P. Hughes, Stover, Mo.; Henry Judson Hughes, Trenton, Mo.; Rev. James W. Bigham, Ocala, Florida; Rev. James M. A. Hughes, Austin, Texas; Lemuel F. Hughes, Manitou, Ky.; Justus Oliver Carson, Morgantown, Ky.; Ira C. Hughes, Marion, Ky.; Rev. U. G. Hughes, Marion, Ky.; Peyton M. Ward, Marion, Ky.; James Francis Hughes, Bayou, Ky.; Col. John A. Fite, Lebanon, Tenn.; John A. Ward, Warrensburg, Mo.; Samuel B. Ward, Higginsville, Mo.; Richard B. Gass, Henderson, Ky.; William Hughes, Paducah, Ky.; Leander Hughes, Stephenville, Texas; George S. Sherrill, Stephenville, Texas; Rev. John P. Tuck, Central City, Ky.; T. J. Vest, Galena, Kansas; Rev. Thomas J. Eastes, New Middleton, Tenn.; J. Lacy Hughe





W. J. L. HUGHES  
At the Age of 21 Years





Paducah, Ky.; Samuel R. Gass, Marion, Ky.; Charles M. Hughes, Nashville, Tenn.; A. J. Gass, Cowan, Franklin County, Tenn.; Roy Y. Hughes, Aberdeen, South Dakota; William L. Hughes, Blodgett, Mo.; W. W. Rice, Marion, Ky., and Watson Rice Williamson, West Union, Iowa. Lastly, I must not forget my good and affable friend, Hon. Hallum Goodloe, Secretary of State at Nashville, Tenn., for his kindness in digging into piles of musty and dusty records, a century old, and furnishing me valuable information, and for the kind and courteous treatment extended to me by him and his entire force of subordinates while I was spending a week in Nashville lately.

For information concerning the older members of the Gass and Boze families I am indebted wholly to the unfading memory of my mother, together with her abiding interest in her family and its history. All that I am able to give the reader in regard to the early history of those two families is taken from notes that I jotted down at her dictation many years ago. I could not have obtained the information from any one else.

Now, only a word more in conclusion: I have endeavored to give the address of each person so far as known, but doubtless in some instances, the wrong address has been obtained, and in many others, the address has been changed. It has also been my aim to give full names, but it is very probable that in some instances the full name has not been given, but only the name by which the person is most generally known. No one but myself knows how difficult it has been in some cases to get even that.

Doubtless, in many instances, births and deaths have occurred since I obtained the facts that I have given, and, of course, those facts will not appear in this book.



## CHAPTER I.

Our family, as the name indicates, is of Welsh origin. From the most reliable traditions of the family, it appears that Leander Hughes was born in Cumberland County, Virginia, about, or a very little after, the year 1700. Leander's father, whose first name I have not succeeded in obtaining, was a native of Wales, and migrated to Virginia, probably some time prior to the year 1700.

Leander appears to have bequeathed his name as a patronymic to his descendants; for from his day there has been a constant stream of Leanders all along down the line. We often find in the same family a son named Leander and a daughter with the abbreviated name of Lea, and some times a daughter with the full name of Leander.

I do not know whether or not Leander had any brothers or sisters, nor the name of his wife, nor what children were born to him, except two sons, Powell and Stephen. I know not which of the two was the older. It appears that they were born and reared in Cumberland County, Virginia, but that at some time in the early part of their lives, they moved to Prince Edward County, Va., and settled side by side, both on Rack Island Creek, Powell above and Stephen below, where they spent the remainder of their lives, reared their families and died.

Powell and Stephen both served in the American army in the Revolutionary War, and Stephen was wounded in some one of the battles in which he was engaged.

I know not the name of Stephen's wife, nor of any of his children, except two sons, Archibald and John, the latter generally called Jack throughout his life. It appears that Archibald died in early life, and I think unmarried.

Jack married his cousin Edith Hughes, a daughter of

Powell Hughes. With this brief sketch, the history of Stephen Hughes and his descendants will close, except as to the descendants of his son Jack who married his cousin Edith, and who will be mentioned in the proper place.

With Powell Hughes our family history first emerges from the shadows into the perfect light. He was born June 22, 1740, and died March 5, 1823. He married Elizabeth Coleman, who was born April 24, 1744. I am not advised as to the date of her marriage with Powell Hughes, nor of her death.

Powell Hughes was possessed of considerable wealth in land and slaves. He appears to have been a farmer all his life. Following is a list of his children given in the exact order of their ages:

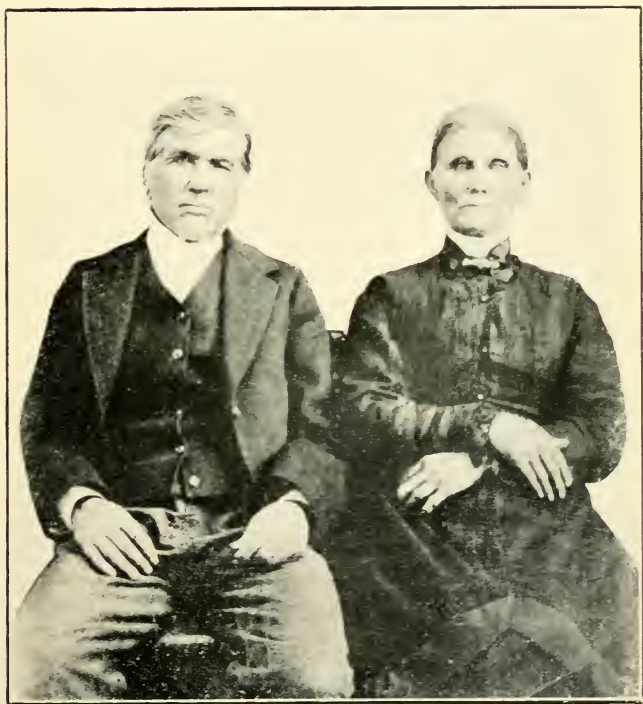
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| 1—Little Berry. | 5—Elizabeth |
| 2—Mary.         | 6—John.     |
| 3—Edith.        | 7—Susannah. |
| 4—Leander.      | 8—Gedeliah. |

There were, as will be seen, 8 in number, 4 sons and 4 daughters. I have not succeeded in obtaining the ages of any except Little Berry, the oldest, but there is no doubt as to my giving them in the order of their births.

Three of the sons and three daughters migrated to Smith County, Tennessee, though all of them except Gedeliah, the youngest, married in Prince Edward County, Virginia. John married Sallie Staples, and so far as is known never left his native county. Nothing whatever is known of his descendants.

Elizabeth married a gospel minister, I think of the Baptist denomination, by the name of Matthews, Christian name not known, and is supposed to have spent her entire life in Virginia.

As has already been stated, the remaining six, all moved to Smith County, Tennessee; and will be taken up in the order of their ages, and when one is introduced his or her posterity will be given so far as known before another is commenced.



JOHN JAMES HUGHES AND WIFE, SUSAN



**Little Berry Hughes.**

Little Berry Hughes, the oldest child of Powell Hughes and Elizabeth Hughes, nee Coleman, was born in Prince Edward County, Virginia, October 15, 1770. He married Mary Walker, a daughter of William and Lucy Walker, in Prince Edward County, Virginia, on May 3rd, 1798. Mary was born Sept. 16, 1780.

He moved to Smith County, Tennessee, in 1810, and settled on the Dry Fork of Mulherrin's Creek, about seven miles southeast of Carthage, the county-seat, and less than a mile from New Middleton. The place is now the home of Robert M. Baird.

Here Little Berry became prominent as a farmer, trader and politician. He was successively elected to the lower house of the Legislature in 1815, 1817 and 1819; and to the State Senate in 1825; and was a candidate for election to one house or the other of the Legislature at the time of his death, which occurred on June 26, 1835. His wife died in 1838.

I obtained the information concerning his legislative record from the public archives in the office of the Secretary of State at Nashville; and it is a fact worthy of note that in each of his elections to the lower house his name is enrolled as Littleberry Hughes, there being no division in his Christian name. In the Senate he is enrolled as L. B. Hughes. I am almost satisfied that the name was originally written Littleberry without division, like Littlejohn, Littlepage, &c.

Notwithstanding the undeveloped condition of the country in his day, he amassed considerable wealth, consisting mainly of land and slaves. Of the latter he owned a very large number. He reared a family of 9 children, 4 sons and 5 daughters, named as follows:

- |                     |                |
|---------------------|----------------|
| 1—William Powell.   | 6—Mary.        |
| 2—Lucy Lea          | 7—John Walker. |
| 3—Elizabeth Walker. | 8—Gedeliah.    |
| 4—Little Berry.     | 9—Susannah.    |
| 5—Sarah Martin.     |                |

There is no certainty and very little probability that the above arrangement of Little Berry Hughes' children is exactly in the order of their ages; but it is absolutely certain that William Powell was the oldest and almost certain that Susannah was the youngest. There is doubt as to which was the older Lucy Lea or Elizabeth Walker. William Powell was born Sept. 23, 1799; Little Berry, Jr., on January 19, 1808; Mary or Polly on March 25, 1812; John Walker on February 8, 1814, and Gedeliah on January 30, 1816. I have not been able to obtain the ages of the remaining four.

1—William Powell Hughes was born in Prince Edward County, Virginia, on Sept. 23, 1799, and came with his father, Little Berry Hughes, to Smith County, Tennessee, in 1810. On June 19, 1822, he married Jane Allen, who was born in Buckingham County, Virginia, on Feb. 15, 1807.

William Powell became a very prominent man in the affairs of Smith County. He conducted extensive farming operations, and was engaged in various business enterprises. He built the largest and most costly flouring mill that had at that time, ever been built in Smith County. It was a water mill, and stood on Hickman's Creek, opposite the mouth of Pigg's Branch, and a mile or more above the present town of Hickman. He engaged in the manufacture of stoneware or crockery, and was extensively engaged in building public bridges.

He entered the ministry, and became one of the ablest and most eloquent and forceful Baptist preachers of his day in that section. He was for a number of years the pastor of the Baptist church at Hickman. It was during his pastorate there that the memorable controversy arose in the congregation over the question of predestination. The pastor took the anti-predestination or missionary side of the dispute, which became very bitter, resulting at last in the permanent division of the body into two congregations. They finally built two separate houses of worship.

In or about the year 1848, he moved to Green County,



Arkansas. He died either in Green or Stone County, Ark., on June 16, 1870, having been seriously afflicted with paralysis during the last 12 years of his life. His wife died December 27, 1878.

The children of William Powell and Jane (Allen) Hughes were 13 in number. Following are their names in the order of their ages:

- 1—Benjamin Franklin, born Aug. 9, 1823.
- 2—Jesse Allen, born Jan. 18, 1825.
- 3—Jane Berry, born Sept. 2, 1827.
- 4—Mary Walker, born March 5, 1829.
- 5—Nancy Walker, born Dec. 4, 1830.
- 6—Susannah, born Dec. 27, 1832.
- 7—George, born Dec. 14, 1834.
- 8—William Berry, born June 24, 1837.
- 9—William Berry (Second), born Oct. 27, 1839.
- 10—Lucy Lea, born Feb. 2, 1842.
- 11—Cornelius Allen, born Aug. 1, 1845.
- 12—Elizabeth, born Sept. 19, 1847.
- 13—James Madison Allen, born March 17, 1850.

It will be observed that there are two Walkers, three Berrys and three Allens.

1—Benjamin Franklin Hughes, whose birth date is given above, was a physician and farmer. He was twice married. His first wife was Clarissa Meridian Oakley, whom he married in Smith County, Tennessee, in January, 1846. I have not the date of her birth or death; but in January, 1868, he married his second wife, Sarah Cooper, in Stone County, Ark.

He moved from Smith County, Tenn., to Green County, Ark., in 1848, and from Green to Stone County, Ark., in 1857. He died in the latter county in 1884, near Mountain View. I have no account of the death of his second wife.

Of Dr. Hughes' two marriages there were born 10 children, 2 of the first marriage, and 8 of the second, as follows:

First wife

a—Thornton.

b—William Oakley.

## Second wife

c—Meridian

g—Ida Allen.

d—Benjamin Franklin.

h—Sallie Cordelia.

e—Jesse Allen.

i—George Adam.

f—Julia Jane.

j—Little Berry.

Of the above, the three following, Thornton, Benjamin Franklin and Little Berry, all died in childhood.

b—William Oakley Hughes is married, has a large family. Address Childress, Texas. No other facts known.

c—Meridian Hughes is married. Names of husband and address not known.

e—Jesse Allen Hughes is married. Name of his wife is not known. Address, Bells Falls, Texas.

f—Julia Jane Hughes, generally called Dena or Dene, married a man named Kemp. I am not advised as to his Christian name. Julia Jane died, and Mr. Kemp married her sister, Sallie Cordelia (h). No further facts are known concerning these two daughters of Dr. Hughes.

g—Ida Allen Hughes was a music teacher and milliner. She married a lawyer whose name I have not learned. That was in 1896. She died about fifteen months after her marriage. She had one child, that died in infancy.

i—George Adam Hughes is supposed to be somewhere in Texas or Oklahoma. Nothing more is known concerning him.

I obtained the above sketch mainly from a letter written by Dr. Hughes in 1883, and now in the possession of his cousin, Mrs. Ophelia A. (Hughes) Cunningham, of Lebanon, Tennessee, and which she has kindly permitted me to use. This letter does not give the marriages of his children, the account of which, together with the account of the doctor's death was furnished by his brother, Rev. J. M. A. Hughes, of Austin, Texas.

2—Jesse Allen, son of William Powell, was born in Smith County, Tennessee, January 18, 1825. He married Jane McCracken, in Green County, Ark., in 1849. He died in 1850. A daughter was born and named Melissa. She married three times. The names of all her husbands are



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unknown to me. Her third husband once represented Green County, Ark., in the Legislature.

3—Jane Berry, daughter of William Powell Hughes, married Alexander Cothan or Cauthorn, a school teacher. She died at Mountain View, Ark., Sept. 13, 1872.

They had 4 children, as follows:

a—Mary Ann.

c—Theresa.

b—William Berry.

d—James.

a—Mary Ann. Nothing reported concerning her after her birth.

b—William Berry Cauthorn married, but the name of his wife is not known. He is said to have reared a large family, and appears to have been a man of prominence. He served several terms as County Judge of Stone County, Ark.

c—Theresa married in Stone County, Ark., and died a few years later. Nothing more is known concerning her.

d—James Cauthorn married. Name of wife is unknown. Five children were born to him. He and his wife are dead, and all the children except one. No names have been furnished.

4—Mary Walker Hughes, daughter of William Powell, was born in Smith County, Tenn., March 5, 1829, and died at Gainsville, Green County, Ark., July 25, 1860. She married Thomas Lane in Green County, Ark. Mr. Lane died soon after marriage. It appears that his death occurred before Mary's. There was a son born of this marriage, and named Thomas Powell Lane. He appears to have become locally prominent. He was for several years Sheriff of Craighead County, Ark. I have learned no other facts concerning him.

5—Nancy Walker Hughes was born in Smith County Tennessee, Dec. 4, 1830, and died at Gainsville, Green County, Ark., Sept. 19, 1850. She married a man named Gullett, first name not learned. Nancy died soon after marriage, and was followed in a short time by her husband. They left one child, a daughter, named Josephine, who it appears never married, and died about the year 1866.

6—Susannah, daughter of William Powell Hughes, was born in Smith County, Tenn., Dec. 27, 1832. She married John Boyd, who was killed or died in the Civil War. They had 4 children, all living and married, but no names are given. Susannah, if living, is at Timbo, Stone County, Ark.

7—George Hughes was born in Smith County, Tenn., Dec. 14, 1834. He died unmarried at Gainsville, Ark., Aug. 8, 1851.

8—William Berry Hughes was born in Smith County, Tenn., June 24, 1837. He died July 19, 1838.

9—William Berry (second) was born Oct. 27, 1839. He died Aug. 18, 1841.

10—Lucy Lea Hughes was born in Smith County, Tenn., February 2, 1842. She first married A. J. Felton in Arkansas, and afterwards went to Texas. Mr. Felton died and Lucy Lea married E. J. Morris. They have a large family, and live at Dalhart, Texas.

11—Cornelius Ailen Hughes, generally called Dick, was born in Smith County, Tenn., Aug. 1, 1845, and died at Bald Knob, Ark., March 16, 1876. He was noted for his good and amiable qualities. He never married.

12—Elizabeth, daughter of William Powell Hughes, was born in Smith County, Tenn., Sept. 19, 1847. She has married three times. She first married John Dunaway in Arkansas. Her second husband was Thomas Warren, whom she married in Williamson County, Texas. Her third husband was S. A. Spivey, a veterinary surgeon. She now lives at No. 1705, Colorado Street, Austin, Texas.

It appears that there were no children of the first marriage. Of the second marriage there were 3 children, as follows:

a—Tennessee.

b—John Claudius.

c—Bell.

a—Tennessee married R. E. Warren—no kin,—a merchant doing a large business. He conducts four large stores in the business portion of Austin, Texas.

b—John Claudius Warren is represented as a very intelligent and prepossessing young man. He was un-

fortunately killed in Houston, Texas, about the year 1907.

c—Bell Warren died at the age of about 8 years.

Of the third marriage there is one child, Mattie Spivey, unmarried, and living with her mother.

13—James Madison Allen Hughes, youngest child of William Powell Hughes, was born March 17, 1850. He married Malinda Ann Prichard, who was born May 10, 1854. They married July 5, 1871. They now reside at No. 306, East First Street, Austin, Texas. He is a minister in the Church of Christ.

Their children have been 8 in number, as follows:

a—Dick Allen, born July 28, 1872.

b—Malinda Jane, born Feb. 8, 1875.

c—William Franklin, born Oct. 26, 1876.

d—James Albert, born Sept. 25, 1880.

e—Edward Powell, born Nov. 27, 1882.

f—Henry Jefferson, born Nov. 10, 1885.

g—Robert Alfred, born March 20, 1890.

h—Lucy Lea, born Jan. 8, 1895.

a—Dick Allen Hughes died Sept. 3, 1873.

b—Malinda Jane Hughes died Nov. 16, 1875.

c—William Franklin Hughes married Lucy Pearson in Bell County, Texas. He is a carpenter and contractor in Austin, Texas. He has 8 children as follows:

1—Ida Allen.

5—Claudius Frank.

2—Viola.

6—Anna Bell.

3—James.

7—Myrtle.

4—Mary Bell.

8—Ina Dell.

d—James Albert Hughes died Jan. 27, 1881.

e—Edward Powell Hughes married Ella Chappell in Austin, Texas. He is a carpenter and contractor in that city. They have had 2 children: Daisy Lee and Ethel, the latter dead.

f—Henry Jefferson Hughes is unmarried and lives with his parents. He is bookkeeper, stenographer and typewriter for a large fire insurance company in Austin, Texas. He has been so employed for the last five years, commencing when he was about 19 years of age.

g—Robert Alfred Hughes is unmarried. He is a carriage and sign painter. He is manager of a large carriage concern in Houston, Texas.

h—Lucy Lea Hughes died Sept. 12, 1897.

This closes the record of the descendants of William Powell Hughes, the oldest of the children of Little Berry Hughes, Sr.

I exceedingly regret that some parts of the record of this interesting branch of the Hughes family are so incomplete and fragmentary; but, owing to the scattered condition of the family, it has been impossible for me to obtain any more facts than are here presented.





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## CHAPTER II.

2—Lucy Lea Hughes, daughter of Little Berry Hughes, Sr., married Nathan Ward, a son of John and Holly Ward.

Nathan Ward was, for some forty years, one of the most prominent men of affairs in South Smith County. He became the owner of the homestead of his wife's father, Little Berry Hughes, Sr. He was the senior partner in the mercantile firm of Nathan and Sterling Ward at New Middleton. The house carried a general stock, as was done by nearly all country stores in those days. This house handled dry goods, groceries, hardware, shoes, hats, &c. It was around Ward's store that New Middleton grew up. This store was one of the old land marks of that section, and for thirty or forty years it enjoyed, probably, a more substantial patronage than any other country store in Smith County. Prior to 1850 country stores were numerous in that region. Now, there is generally a village wherever there was a store then.

Mr. Ward was a Justice of the Peace for a number of years. He was elected to the lower house of the Legislature in 1861. He died soon after the close of the Civil War.

His wife, Lucy Lea, died early in life, leaving 4 children, 3 daughters and 1 son, whose names in the order of their ages, are as follows:

a—Mary Jane.

c—Martha Marion.

b—William Walker.

d—Holly Mangrum.

a—Mary Jane died unmarried in the early part of the Civil War. I am not advised as to the date of her birth or death.

b—William Walker Ward was born Oct. 5, 1825, and died April 10, 1871. He was a very exemplary young man, received a classical education, studied law, and was ad-

mitted to the bar early in the 50's, if not a little earlier. He was elected to the lower house of the Legislature in 1855. He married Miss Elizabeth Hughes Rucks, Dec. 23, 1862. She was a daughter of Howell and Darthula (Bradford) Rucks, was born Sept. 6, 1836. She died Dec. 26, 1894.

It is a fact worthy of note that his grandfather, Little Berry Hughes, his father, Nathan Ward, and Col. Ward himself, all at different times, represented Smith County in the Legislature.

At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted in the Confederate army, but became disabled by sickness, and was discharged on account of disability while in Virginia. He returned home and after he had partially recovered his health he recruited a company of cavalry, and with his company, joined the Ninth Tennessee Confederate Cavalry, of which regiment he became the Colonel. His regiment was familiarly known as "Ward's Ducks." The operations of this regiment appear to have been mainly in the State of Tennessee.

In 1870 he was elected Chancellor of his, the Fourth Chancery Division. His election was contested by his opponent on technical grounds. The case was decided favorably to Col. Ward, but during the pendency of the contest he died. He was deprived of the emoluments of the office in a way that was so manifest a hardship that the Legislature by special enactment, allowed him the salary from the commencement of the term for which he was elected to the time of his death. This salary was paid to his widow. As a man, a lawyer, a soldier and a citizen, Col. Ward stood high in the esteem of all who knew him.

Col. Ward left only one child, a daughter, named Lula Lee. She married Walter Doggett Sykes, of Nashville, a dry goods salesman all his life. He was born Jan. 6, 1860. He was considered one of the best judges of dry goods in Nashville. He died May 15, 1907. At the time of his death he was in the employ of the Castner-Knott

Dry Goods Co. His widow, Mrs. Lula Lee Sykes, resides at No. 609, Dermonbreun Street, Nashville, Tennessee. She owns a home at 2225, Murphy Avenue, Nashville. She has 4 children living and 1 dead, as follows:

Mrs. Lula Lee (Ward) Sykes was born April 8, 1866:

1—Her oldest child, Lou Willie, was born July 15, 1892.

2—Walter Ward was born Nov. 7, 1894, died July 10, 1896.

3—Rucks Martin, born May 3, 1899.

4—Catharine Marie, born Feb. 22, 1902.

5—Mary Elizabeth, born March 10, 1907.

c—Martha Marion Ward was born April 19, 1828. Died at New Middleton, Tenn., July 24, 1871. On July 7, 1846, she married John Gardner Bransford, who was born in Moulton, Alabama, March 16, 1825, and died August 8, 1896, and was buried by the side of his wife in the family burying ground on the Nathan Ward place, near New Middleton, Tenn.

John Gardner Bransford's life sketch reads like a romance. He was descended from an old English family on his father's side, whose history extends back for centuries, first appearing in London. His mother was Jane Gardner, of Irish descent. He left his native home when very young, and went to Memphis, Tenn., where he worked a short time as a journeyman printer. He then went to Nashville where he worked at the same trade. Later he went to Smith County, Tenn., where he met and married Martha Marion Ward at the time already stated, and located in Carthage, Tenn., where he established a paper called the Carthage Casket. After a short time he moved to Lebanon, Tenn., and published a paper called The Lebanon Herald.

In 1850, he took the gold fever and left for California. A trip from Tennessee to California then and now are two very different propositions. He joined a party, and went by way of New Orleans. There he took shipping on board a sail vessel, sailed across the gulf to Mexico, the people of which country then had little friendly feeling

for Americans, the Mexican war having recently ended. He made his way across Mexico, took shipping in a sail vessel from some point on the west coast of that country, and finally reached San Francisco, then a small village, in fact, little more than a roaring mining camp. He was 90 days making the trip, and spent 30 days out of sight of land. What a change has been wrought since then. In the present day one could easily girdle the earth twice in 90 days.

Mr. Bransford remained in California three years, a part of which time he was engaged in digging gold, and a part of the time he worked at the printer's trade, earning \$10.00 per day. The country was wild, and the few people in it were wilder, and Mr. Bransford, of necessity, led a wild and romantic life, making many narrow escapes from death at the hands of Indians. He wore his hair extra long, and was known among his comrades as "Black-eyed Susan."

He returned in 1853, and settled down at New Middleton, where his family had resided during his absence. He entered the mercantile business with the Ward Brothers, the firm name being finally changed to Ward & Bransford. He so remained till the death of his wife in 1871. He then secured a position as Baggage Master and Express Messenger on the N. C. & St. L. R. R., with a run from Nashville to Lebanon, Tenn., in which business he continued for 10 years, when he went into the mercantile business in Lebanon, Tenn., at which he continued till the time of his death.

The children of John Gardner and Martha Marion Bransford are 3 in number, as follows:

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| 1—William Gardner.  | 2—Lucy Jane. |
| 3—Robert Creighton. |              |

Beside these there were 3 that died in early infancy.

1—William Gardner Bransford was born in Lebanon, Tenn., Nov. 30, 1848. On Oct. 29, 1874, he married Fannie Pierce Stevens, who was born near New Middleton, Tenn., Nov. 27, 1852, and died at New Middleton Sept. 5, 1885.



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He has lived at the old Bransford homestead at New Middleton, and has been engaged in mercantile business practically all his life in the same house that was so long occupied by his father and Nathan and Sterling Ward. He has 2 children, daughters, named Mattie Lou and Alma Bell.

Mattie Lou married Kitty Clyde Terry, a contractor, mechanic and electrician. They live with her father. They have one child, a daughter, named Gladys Alma.

Alma Bell married James Samuel Barrett. He is engaged in mercantile pursuits. Address, New Middleton, Tenn. They have no children.

2—Lucy Jane Bransford married William James Bell, of Nashville. Mr. Bell was a grocery and produce merchant for 30 years. He is now with the Lee-Booth Furniture Co. This statement was taken in October, 1909, and the events and ages here mentioned must be referred to that date. Mr. Bell is 68 years old, and Mrs. Bell 55. They live at No. 1202, Stainback Street, Nashville, Tenn.

Lucy Jane is Mr. Bell's second wife. He first married Miss Sarah Everett, who left one child, John Hezzie Bell, who married Mary Laura Elder. She died about the year 1905, leaving two children, Chlo May and Charles Byron, 12 and 8 years old respectively. These two children are, of course, not related to the Hughes family.

The children of W. J. and Lucy Jane Bell are 5 in number, as follows:

a—Mattie Jane.

d—John Bransford.

b—Cherry Lou

e—Roberta.

c—Willie May.

a—Mattie Jane Bell married Austin Martin, a carriage painter, now living at No. 241, Van Buren St., Memphis, Tenn. They have 4 children, as follows:

1—Robert Austin Martin, 8 years old.

2—Virginia Pearl Martin, 5 years old.

3—Richmond Martin, 2 years old.

4—William Hooper Martin, born recently.

b—Cherry Lou Bell was born in 1883. She married

James Marion Peebles, who has been an air-break inspector all his life till recently. He is now engaged in farming on White's Creek on R. F. D. from Nashville. Their children are 3, as follows:

Beatrice Bell, 8 years old; Marion Lucile, died Sept. 6, 1909, aged about 4 years, and Willie Elizabeth.

c—Willie May Bell was born in 1885. She married Jack Lanius, an ice dealer. Address, No. 73, Washington St., Nashville, Tenn. They have 2 children, daughters, named Ruth and Katie.

d—John Bransford Bell was born in 1888. He married Eva Hinderer, aged 17. He is a railroad switchman. He works at terminal yards. Address No. 1053, South Second Avenue, Nashville, Tenn. They have 1 child, Curtis Hinderer.

e—Roberta Bell, aged 13, youngest child, is unmarried.

3—Robert Creighton Bransford married Mary Bostic, of Nashville. She died about 1907 leaving no children. Robert has been in the employ of the N. C. & St. L. Railroad for the last 30 years. He was in the office of the Secretary and Treasurer for many years, and, later was assistant paymaster a number of years. He now resides at Craggie Hope, Tenn., still in the employ of the railroad.

d—Holly Mangrum Ward, youngest daughter of Nathan and Lucy Lea Ward, was born Dec. 27, 1829. Died July 25, 1905. She married William J. Johnson, a son of John and Nancy Johnson. William J. was a farmer and tobacco dealer. He spent his entire life on a farm a short distance south of New Middleton, Smith Co., Tenn. I have not the date of his death, but he died several years ago.

The children born to this marriage were 7, as follows:

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| 1—James Nathan.    | 5—Alice Marion.   |
| 2—Lucy Ann.        | 6—John Ward.      |
| 3—William Francis. | 7—Mattie Ophelia. |
| 4—Robert Emmet.    |                   |

1—James Nathan Johnson married Martha Genetta

Winfrey, and went to Texas. He is a farmer. Address, Blossom, Texas.

Their children are 8, as follows:

a—William N. born May 28, 1884.

b—Daisy O., born Aug. 18, 1886.

c—Claud, born Nov. 18, 1891.

d—Holly M., born Dec. 13, 1893.

e—Mattie Lou, born Sept. 17, 1896.

f—Turner L., born June 16, 1899.

g—Clyde, born Jan. 26, 1902.

h—Clara, born Jan. 26, 1902.

The two last are twins.

a—William N. married Clara Allen Oct. 10, 1905. He is a farmer. Address Blossom, Texas.

b—Daisy O. married Ed. Compton, Dec. 23, 1908. A farmer. Address, Clarksville, Texas.

2—Lucy Ann Johnson married Dr. Turner Lawrence Johnson, a physician. They are not related. From this marriage, there has been but 1 child. It died in early infancy. Address, Greenbrier, Tenn.

3—William Francis Johnson has never married. He lives on the old homestead. Address, New Middleton, Tenn.

4—Robert Emmet Johnson is a physician. He married Miss Nellie Wilson, a daughter and only child of Dr. Samuel Berdine Wilson. His address is Grant, Tenn. Of this marriage there is only 1 child that survived the age of early infancy. His name is Samuel Hoyal, 13 years old, and a cripple since his fourth year.

5—Alice Marion Johnson married Daniel Webster Seay. Address not known. Alice died many years ago. Her children were 4 in number, 3 daughters and 1 son, as follows:

a—Lela, b—Daisy, c—Alice, d—Weekly, a son.

d—Weekly is a Methodist preacher. Address not known, but he is supposed to be somewhere in the state of Tennessee.

6—John Ward Johnson is a farmer. His address is

New Middleton, Tenn. He married Mattie Hailey. She died early in life, leaving 2 children, daughters, named Ella and Julia Alice. They live with their aunt, Mrs. Lucy Ann Johnson. John married again. His second wife was Miss Ida Kitchen. Of this second marriage there are no children.

7—Mattie Ophelia Johnson married John Ashley. Address Hickman, Tenn. No children.



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AND SON, EDWARD JOHN



## CHAPTER III.

3—Elizabeth Walker Hughes, daughter of Little Berry Hughes, Sr., married Avan Ward, a son of John and Holly Ward. He spent his entire life in Smith County, Tenn., engaged in various pursuits. The wife died in 1838. There were born of this marriage 5 children, 4 daughters and 1 son, as follows:

- 1—Eliza Jane, born June 25, 1825.
- 2—Lucy Lea, born Feb. 20, 1830.
- 3—Elizabeth Ann, born Sept. 1, 1832.
- 4—Francis Marion, born Feb. 25, 1835.
- 5—Sarah Hughes, born Jan. 6, 1838.

1—Eliza Jane Ward married Dawson Gwaltney, a prosperous farmer, now living at a very advanced age near Hickman, Tenn., on Dec. 23, 1845. The wife died Sept. 30, 1899. Their children were 7 in number, as follows:

- a—Thomas Franklin, born Dec. 4, 1846.
- b—John Avan, born March 29, 1849.
- c—Mary Elizabeth, born June 20, 1852.
- d—Sarah Kathlene, born Aug. 24, 1854.
- e—William, born May 20, 1857.
- f—Robert, born June 20, 1860.
- g—Martha Frances, born July 27, 1867.

a—Thomas Franklin Gwaltney was twice-married. He first married Sarah Baird in August, 1864. His second wife was Emma Sweatt. Address, Russellville, Ky.

The children of these two marriages were 11 in number, 8 of the first, and 3 of the second marriage, as follows:

First wife:

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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1—Bettie Jane.        | 5—Mattie Kathlene |
| 2—Jessie Alice.       | 6—Fannie Lillian. |
| 3—Mary Etta (Mollie). | 7—Minnie Bell.    |
| 4—Joe Eddie.          | 8—Sarah Ellen.    |

Second wife:

9—Guy Franklin. 10—Margie Eliza.

11—Lottie Piper.

b—John Avan Gwaltney married Emma King, a daughter of Rev. Ira King, in 1870.

Their children are 10, as follows:

1—Mary.	6—Ira.
2—Archibald.	7—Thomas.
3—Fannie.	8—Ora.
4—William.	9—Lillie.
5—Walter.	10—Minnie.

I presume that among the above 10 children there are some middle names, but if so I have failed to get them.

c—Mary Elizabeth Gwaltney, generally called Mollie, married Josiah Baird in April, 1870, and died in July of the same year.

d—Sarah Kathlene Gwaltney married Dawson Wills in January, 1874. Of this marriage there are 4 children, as follows:

1—Oscar.	3—Avan.
2—Ophelia Bell.	4—Pearl.

2—Ophelia Bell was born in 1878, and died in 1908.

e—William Gwaltney married Lydia Wauford. They have 3 children:

1—Finis Edgar.	2—Lura.	3—Bartlett.
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f—Robert Gwaltney married Greenie Ashby in 1881. He was accidentally shot and killed in 1907, leaving no children.

g—Martha Frances Gwaltney married Luther Betty in 1885. He died in 1892. Martha Frances married again, her second husband being William Hunt.

Of the first marriage there were 3 children, as follows: Kathlene Betty, Drucilla Betty and Martha Betty.

Of her second marriage, there are 2 children as follows: Flora Hunt and Minnie Hunt.

Drucilla Betty married a Mr. Robertson, whose first name has not been learned.

Following are the marriages and children of Dawson



Gwaltney's grandchildren. These children being Dawson Gwaltney's great-grandchildren.

a—Grandchildren of Thomas Franklin, oldest son of Dawson Gwaltney.

1—Bettie Jane, daughter of Thomas Franklin Gwaltney, married John Moss. Their children are 8 in number, as follows:

a—Letitia Robbie.

e—Lorene.

b—Loula.

f—Charlie.

c—Joe (probably Joseph).

g—Fannie Bryan.

d—Lillard.

h—Ruby.

a—Letitia Robbie married Rufus Williams. They have the following 2 children:

Mildred Williams and Harold Williams.

The reader will note that these two Williams children are great-great-grandchildren of Dawson Gwaltney.

The remaining 7 children of Bettie Jane and John Moss are unmarried.

2—Jessie Alice, second daughter of Thomas Franklin Gwaltney, married John Ashley, Hickman, Tenn. Their children are 4, as follows:

a—Mollie.

c—Olga Dempsey, a son.

b—Jennie Candace.

d—Sarah Robbie.

a—Mollie married Walter Harper, and died leaving no children.

4—Joe Eddie, a son of Thomas F. Gwaltney, married Mattie Fouch. They have 1 child, a daughter, named Minnie.

5—Mattie Kathlene, a daughter of Thomas F. Gwaltney, married Lloyd Ray Hutcheson. Address, Russellville, Ky. They have 4 children, as follows:

a—Lloyd Thomas.

c—Beverly Ray.

b—Leonard Watson.

d—Robert Baird.

6—Fannie Lillian, a daughter of Thomas F. Gwaltney, married Joe King, address, Russellville, Ky. They have 1 child, a son, named Joseph Boyse.

7—Minnie Bell, a daughter of Thomas F. Gwaltney,

married James Stewart, address, Russellville, Ky. Their children are 4, as follows:

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| a—Maggie Lou. | c—Harry Ross.    |
| b—Joseph Ray. | d—Fairy Lillian. |

b—Grand-children of John Avan, a son of Dawson Gwaltney:

1—Mary, a daughter of John Avan Gwaltney, married B. Deadman. He died, leaving 4 children:

- a—Joe, b—Robert, c—Ava, d—Emma.

e—Grand-children of William Gwaltney, a son of Dawson Gwaltney:

1—Finis Edgar, a son of William Gwaltney, married Adelia Johnson, a daughter of Charles B. Johnson, whose wife was Lucy Lea Gwaltney, a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Ann Gwaltney. Finis Edgar and Adelia are cousins twice removed. They have 1 child, named Thomas Brett.

This closes the record of Dawson and Eliza Jane Gwaltney's descendants.

2—Lucy Lea, the second one of Avan and Elizabeth Walker Ward's children, married Matthew Alexander Gordon, a son of Harrison Gordon, and a grandson of John (Jack) Gordon. He was a farmer. He died at Stonewall, Tenn., in 1876. His wife died at the same place in 1880.

Their children were 9 in number, as follows:

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|----------------------|--------------------|
| a—Frances Elizabeth. | e—Ella.            |
| b—John Harrison.     | f—Addie.           |
| c—Callie Matilda.    | g—Thomas Gwaltney. |
| d—William Avan.      | h—James Alexander. |

i—Lem Robinson.

a—Frances Elizabeth Gordon married Felix Grundy Perkins, a son of Henry J. and Araminta C. Perkins. She died about 1875 or '76. Her husband's address is Stonewall, Tenn.

b—John Harrison Gordon married Judith Hatton Perkins, a daughter of Henry J. Perkins. He was a merchant. He died at Madeira, Cal., in the fall of 1909.



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c—Callie Matilda Gordon married Alfred Gibbs. She is dead.

d—William Avan, f—Thomas Gwaltney, h—James Alexander, and i—Lem. Robinson Gordon all live at Madeira, Cal. It appears that James Alexander is married, and that William Avan, Thomas Gwaltney, and Lem Robinson are unmarried. Ella Gordon married Robert Johnson, a son of Shed Johnson.

f—It appears that Addie Gordon lives somewhere in Kentucky, but I am not advised as to her address, or whether or not she is married.

3—Elizabeth Ann Ward, third daughter of Avan Ward, married Thomas Gwaltney, a brother of Dawson Gwaltney, who married Elizabeth Ann's sister, Eliza Jane Ward. Thomas and Elizabeth Ann married in January, 1852. Thomas died in September, 1882. Elizabeth Ann died Feb. 26, 1897. They spent their entire married lives at and near Hickman, Smith Co., Tenn.

Mr. Gwaltney's occupation during his life time was that of a farmer, stock raiser and stock dealer.

The children of this marriage are 5, as follows:

a—Sarah Frances, born in 1853.

b—Serepta Inez, born in 1855.

c—Jane Victoria, born in 1858.

d—Lucy Lea, born in 1861.

e—Alonzo Avan, born in 1877.

a—Sarah Frances Gwaltney, generally called Fannie, married Jesse Elson Baird, a son of Josiah Baird. He is a farmer, stock breeder, and dealer in live stock. His address is Hickman, Tenn.

Their children are 3, as follows:

1—William Edgar.

2—Roberta Louise.

3—Charles Roy.

1—William Edgar is generally called Jack by his family and intimate acquaintances. He is a druggist. He is not married. Address, Hickman, Tenn.

2—Roberta Louise Baird is not married. She lives with her parents. She has literary tastes, has written a

great deal of poetry of decided merit. She has a prize poem in that select publication, entitled "The Garden of Verses," published in Washington City.

3—Charles Roy Baird is a boy in his teens, living with his parents.

b—Serepta Inez Gwaltney married Logan Alexander Coffee, a son of Stockard W. and Minerva (Harper) Coffee. He is a farmer. Address, Gordonsville, Tenn.

There have been born to this marriage 5 children, as follows:

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| 1—Maggie Lea.      | 3—Lemuel Mack.    |
| 2—Thomas Stockard. | 4—Jesse Herschel. |
| 5—Effie Deane.     |                   |

1—Maggie Lea Coffee married John Finis Johnson, a miller, address, Hickman, Tenn. Their children are 8 in number:

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| a—Callie Inez.    | e—Alton Brooks.    |
| b—Johnnie May.    | f—James Smith.     |
| c—George Burnie.  | g—Logan Alexander. |
| d—Charles Baxter. | h—Lucy Frances.    |

2—Thomas Stockard Coffee married Margaret Crowder. He is a farmer and fruit grower. Address Madeira, Cal. Their children are 5, as follows:

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|--------------------|-----------------|
| a—Everett.         | c—Serepta Iler. |
| b—Raymond.         | d—Earl Johnson. |
| e—Logan Alexander. |                 |

3—Lemuel Mack Coffee married Delina Carter. He is a farmer. Address, Alexandria, Tenn., R. F. D. No. 2. No children.

4—Jesse Herschel Coffee married Frances Fitzgerald in California. She is a native of the State of New York. Jesse Herschel is a grain farmer. Address Madeira, Cal. No children.

5—Effie Deane Coffee married William Avan Wright. Occupation, a farmer. Address, Hartsville, Tenn. Their children are 4 in number, as follows:

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| a—Eudah Estell. | c—Vernon Coffee.  |
| b—Hazel Inez.   | d—William Carlin. |

c—Jane Victoria Gwaltney, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Ann Gwaltney, married John Turner, a farmer. Address, Brush Creek, Tenn. The children of this marriage are 6, as follows:

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1—Nora Ann.       | 4—Minnie Frances.  |
| 2—William Thomas. | 5—Lillie Florence. |
| 3—Bettie Lou.     | 6—Alta Allie.      |

1—Nora Ann Turner married Thomas Horton, a farmer. Address, Carthage, Tenn., R. F. D. No. 1. They have 1 child, Bessie Jane Horton.

2—William T. Turner married Hattie Stewart. She died, and William married Mollie Blackburn. No children of either marriage. William is a farmer. Address, Brush Creek, Tenn., R. F. D. 4.

3—Bettie Lou Turner married John Hunt, a farmer, address, Alexandria, Tenn. They have 1 child, named Denny Hunt.

4—Minnie Frances Turner married Wm. Baker, a farmer. Address, Hickman, Tenn. They have 4 children, as follows:

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|------------------|---------------|
| a—Willie Thomas. | c—Myrtle Lea. |
| b—Mary Lou.      | d—Flora Maye. |

5—Lillie Florence Turner married Herman Baker, a farmer, address, Carthage, Tenn. Of this marriage, there is 1 child named Homer King Baker.

6—Alta Allie Turner is not married.

d—Lucy Lea Gwaltney, daughter of Thos. and Elizabeth Ann Gwaltney, married Charles B. Johnson, a miller. Address, Hickman, Tenn. He was one of the members of the Hickman Milling Co. He died April 4, 1900. Their children are 4, as follows:

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|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1—William Richard. | 3—Adelia Etta.  |
| 2—Thomas Walter.   | 4—Fannie Alice. |

1—William Richard Johnson married Zoda Bruce. His address is Hickman, Tenn. Occupation a miller. No children.

2—Thomas Walter Johnson is unmarried.

3—Adelia Etta Johnson married Finis Edgar Gwaltney,

a farmer. Address, Hickman, Tenn. They are cousins twice removed. One child, named Thomas Brett.

4—Fannie Alice Johnson married Albert Thomas, a farmer. Address, Hickman, Tenn. They have 1 child, named Albert Brice.

e—Alonzo Avan Gwaltney, youngest child and only son of Thos. and Elizabeth Ann Gwaltney, is not married. He has been engaged most of his life in mercantile pursuits. He is now with the P. J. Tinsley Millinery Co., Nashville, Tenn.

4—Francis Marion Ward, fourth child and only son, of Avan and Elizabeth Walker Ward, was born Feb. 26, 1835. He died several years ago, but the date of his death has not been ascertained. He was three times married.

His first wife was Mary Jane Newbell, whom he married October 6, 1853. She died May 15, 1873. His second wife was Mrs. Nancy Jane Foster, a widow, and the daughter of Joseph Moss. This second marriage was in April, 1875.

His third wife was Mrs. Nancy Jane Ferguson, a widow. Her maiden name is not known, nor has the date of the third marriage been learned.

The children of the three wives that survived the age of early infancy were 11 in number:

First wife:

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| a—Frances Eugenia. | e—Bettie.         |
| b—John Avan.       | f—Francis Marion. |
| c—Nancy Jane.      | g—William Walker. |
| d—Thomas Marion.   | h—Lucy Lea.       |

Second wife:

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|-----------|------------------|
| i—Arthur. | j—George Austin. |
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Third wife:

- k—Homer.

a—Frances Eugenia died unmarried (?) Feb. 20, 1873.

b—John Avan, born in Smith Co., Tenn., Nov. 4, 1858. Died unmarried in Oklahoma in 1894.

c—Nancy Jane Ward married William Carlin Wright,



a farmer. Address, Hartsville, Tenn. She died in 1891. Her children were 5 in number, as follows:

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|------------------|-------------------------|
| 1—Cora.          | 3—Serepta Inez or Iler. |
| 2—William Avan.  | 4—Catherine Grace.      |
| 5—Robert Taylor. |                         |

d—Thomas Marion Ward, generally called Dock, is married and living in Oklahoma. His address, the name of his wife, and the number and names of his children, if any, are all unknown.

e—Bettie Ward, daughter of Francis Marion Ward, married Thomas Newbell. He is dead. Her address is Hickman, Tenn. Their children are 2 in number, as follows: Callie Pearl and Robert Benton.

f—Francis Marion Ward, Jr., was born Jan. 29, 1869. He is said to have died unmarried in California. The exact date of his death is not known.

g—William Ward, son of Francis Marion Ward, Sr., was born March 20, 1871. He died unmarried in California. The place and date of his death have not been ascertained.

h—Lucy Ward died unmarried.

i—Arthur Ward is married, but I am wholly unadvised as to the name of his wife or his present address.

j—George Austin Ward. k—Homer Ward.

I have obtained no information concerning the two last beyond their birth.

5—Sarah Hughes Ward, youngest child of Avan and Elizabeth Walker Ward, was born in Smith County, Tenn., Jan. 6, 1838. She married Avan Massive Thomas, a son of Diggs W. and Judith Thomas, on Aug. 20, 1855. Avan and Sarah were cousins once removed. Avan was born in Smith County, Tenn., Oct. 4, 1832. He died in Galena, Kansas, Sept. 25, 1893. Sarah died at the same place May 16, 1907.

Almost immediately after their marriage they moved to Johnson County, Missouri| At some later date they moved to Lawrence Co., Missouri, afterwards to Joplin, Missouri, and finally to Galena, Kansas, where they both

died as above stated. Avan was interested in mining.

Their children were 7 in number, as follows:

a—Elizabeth, born April 1, 1856.

b—Eliza Jane, born Jan. 23, 1859.

c—Sarah Wilhelmina, born Feb. 2, 1862.

d—Charles Franklin, born May 1, 1865.

e—Salena Frances, born Aug. 20, 1869. } Twins.  
f—Eugene Ward, born Aug. 20, 1869. }

g—Emma Pearl, born Dec. 18, 1872.

a—Elizabeth married George Tracy. Both are dead. Dates of their respective deaths are not known.

b—Eliza Jane married Noah J. Ryan. Occupation, a grocer, owns two good farms besides city property. Address, No. 720, East Fifth St., Galena, Kansas.

c—Sarah Wilhelmina died unmarried at the age of 15.

d—Charles Franklin married Kate Boynton. His occupation, moving picture show. Address, Ada, Oklahoma.

e—Salena Frances married Charles E. Grant. Occupation, a mine operator. Address, No. 2022, Penn. Avenue, Joplin, Mo.

f—Eugene Ward Thomas died unmarried July 2, 1907.

g—Emma Pearl Thomas married Robert S. Herschberger. Occupation, telegraph operator and trader, works at a flouring mill. Owns city property. Address, No. 729, East Grand Avenue, Wichita, Kansas.

This closes the record of the descendants of Avan Ward and his first wife, Elizabeth Walker Hughes. Mr. Ward married a second time. His second marriage will be mentioned under the head of the Ward family.

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4—Little Berry Hughes, Jr., son of Little Berry Hughes, Sr., was born in Prince Edward County, Va., Jan. 19, 1808, and died in Morgan County, Missouri, April 25, 1858. He married Nancy Ward, a daughter of John and Holly Ward, in Smith County, Tenn. She was born in Smith County, Tenn., October 15, 1809, and died in Morgan County, Missouri, June 15, 1896, nearly 87 years old. She and Little Berry married Jan. 26, 1826.

Little Berry was a farmer. He moved from Smith County, Tenn., to Morgan Co., Missouri, in 1851, the country to which he moved being then almost an unbroken wilderness. He located a farm, and had only fairly commenced to open it up and improve it when he died. His widow remained in the county until her death about 38 years later.

Their children were 14 in number, as follows, in the order of their ages:

- a—Sallie Ann, born Nov. 21, 1827.
- b—Susan Ward, born April 13, 1829.
- c—Nathan Ward, born March 15, 1831.
- d—John Powell, born Jan. 27, 1833.
- e—William Avan
- f—James Meredith
- g—Sterling Bernard, born Sept. 27, 1836.
- h—Mary Elizabeth, born Jan. 14, 1839.
- i—Lucy Jane, born March 19, 1841.
- j—Holly Mangrum, born March 16, 1843.
- k—Nancy Green, born Aug. 20, 1845.
- l—Fielding Walker, born Jan. 18, 1848.
- m—Gedeliah, born April 8, 1852.
- n—Madison Peter, born Nov. 28, 1853.

Of the above named children of Little Berry Hughes,

Jr., only 3 are living, to-wit: Mary Elizabeth, Nancy Green and Madison Peter, the youngest.

Following is the sketch of the family, taking the order of their ages:

a—Sallie Ann Hughes was born Nov. 21, 1827, and died Feb. 27, 1897. She married David Jasper Kennedy. They moved to Texas just before the beginning of the Civil War, and their descendants have become in great measure detached from the remainder of the family. Mr. Kennedy has been dead many years. Their children are 6 in number, as follows:

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|----------------------|------------------|
| 1—Josephine.         | 4—William Henry. |
| 2—John Little Berry. | 5—Mary Alice.    |
| 3—James Monroe.      | 6—Fannie.        |

1—Josephine married John Stout, who died several years ago. Josephine's address has not been learned.

2—John Little Berry Kennedy married Isabelle Ellis Alford, better known as Mittie Alford. He is a stock ranchman. His address is Tenth and Chestnut Streets, Abilene, Texas.

Of this marriage there are 8 children, as follows, in the order of their ages:

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|--------------------------|------------------|
| a—Mark Taylor.           | e—Mittie Thelma. |
| b—John Little Berry, Jr. | f—Nadine.        |
| c—Edgar David.           | g—Beulah Mae.    |
| d—William Monroe.        | h—Ruby Louise.   |

a—Mark Taylor Kennedy married Jewell Bell Miller. He is a stock ranchman. His address is Faywood, New Mexico, Box 424.

b—John Little Berry Kennedy, Jr., married Laura Richardson. He is a live stock dealer. His address is Faywood, New Mexico, Box 24.

c—Edgar David Kennedy married Marie Bryant. He is a live stock man. His address is Chickasha, Oklahoma, R. F. D. 3.

d—William Monroe Kennedy married Myrtle McGehee. He is a cattle dealer. His address is Caps, Texas, R. F. D. 1.



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e—Mittie Thelma Kennedy is not married, and lives with her parents.

f—Nadine Kennedy married Mat Martin Glover. He is a hardware merchant. Address, Tenth and Chestnut Sts., Abilene, Texas.

g—Beulah Mae Kennedy and h—Ruby Louise Kennedy are both unmarried, and live with their parents at Tenth and Chestnut Streets, Abilene, Texas.

3—James Monroe Kennedy, son of David Jasper and Sally Ann (Hughes) Kennedy, married Mary Jones. He is a carpenter. His address is North Fort Worth, Texas.

4—William Henry Kennedy, son of David Jasper died unmarried, at the age of 19 years, at Gainesville, Cook Co., Texas.

5—Mary Alice Kennedy, daughter of David Jasper Kennedy, married Frank Johnson. He is a farmer. His address is Trousdale, Oklahoma, R. F. D. 3, Box 43.

6—Fannie Kennedy, daughter of David Jasper Kennedy, married Thomas Reuben Anderson. He is a contractor and builder of machine works. His address is Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

This closes the sketch of David Jasper Kennedy's descendants.

b—Susan Ward Hughes, daughter of Little Berry and Nancy (Ward) Hughes, was born April 13, 1829, and died unmarried, August 22, 1845.

c—Nathan Ward Hughes, son of Little Berry, Jr., was born March 15, 1831, and died unmarried Sept. 21, 1845.

d—John Powell Hughes, born Jan. 27, 1833; died Feb. 3, 1833.

e—William Avan Hughes was born Aug. 14, 1834. He was killed by bushwhackers in September, 1864.

f—James Meredith Hughes was born Aug. 14, 1834. He was killed by a kick by a horse in the Indian Territory in 1866, while on his way from Texas. William Avan and James Meredith were twins. Neither of them were married.

g—Sterling Bernard Hughes was born in Smith Co.,

Tennessee, Sept. 27, 1836; died at Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 25, 1907. He went from Morgan Co., Missouri, to Los Angeles, Cal., in 1860. He married Henrietta Hoffman, a Danish lady. He applied himself to business, exercised good judgment, was very successful, and accumulated a fortune. His wife died March 24, 1902. There was but one child of this marriage, a daughter, named Hattie May Hughes. She married Mr. Robert B. Morris. Their address is 2292, West Twenty-second St., Los Angeles, Cal.

h—Mary Elizabeth Hughes was born in Smith Co., Tenn., Jan. 14, 1839. She married William Jester. Their address is Harrisonville, Cass Co., Misosuri. Their children are 8, as follows, with their marriages.

1—Nancy Margaret married Thomas Jones, a farmer. Address, Harrisonville, Cass Co., Missouri.

2—John Little Berry Jester married Alice Smith. He is a blacksmith and dealer in agricultural implements. Address, Lone Tree, Cass Co., Mo.

3—Edward Jester married Cora Hudson. He is a farmer. Address, Harrisonville, Mo.

4—Salena Jester married Clinton Swager, a farmer. His address is Harrisonville, Mo.

5—Emma Jester married Jacob Davis, a farmer. Address, Harrisonville, Mo.

6—Minnie Jester married Richard Van Camp, a farmer. Address, Harrisonville, Mo.

7—Willie Jester married John Duncan, a farmer. Address, Harrisonville, Mo.

8—Katie Jester married William Duncan, a farmer. Address, Harrisonville, Mo.

John and William Duncan are not related.

It is possible that some of the above addresses are incorrect. There appears to be some uncertainty about it.

i—Lucy Jane Hughes, daughter of Little Berry Hughes, Jr., was born March 19, 1841, and died unmarried, Jan. 31, 1863.

j—Holly Mangrum Hughes was born March 16, 1843, and died Sept. 23, 1844.



k—Nancy Green Hughes was born Aug. 20, 1845. She married Christopher Columbus Merriott. Address, Versailles, Mo. Their children are 6 in number, as follows:

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|------------------|----------------------|----------|
| 1—Theodosia Ann. | 4—John Little Berry. |          |
| 2—James Madison. | 5—Bertha Lea.        | } Twins. |
| 3—Lucy Olivia.   | 6—Salina Elizabeth   |          |

1—Theodosia Ann Merriott married John Boyce, now engaged as a teacher in the State Reform School at Booneville, Mo.

2—James Madison married Flora Davis. He conducts a barbering establishment in Versailles, Mo.

3—Lucy Olivia Merriott married William Duncan. He is now dead.

4—John Little Berry married Hettie Arnold. Both are now dead.

5—Bertha Lea Merriott married Arthur Drumgold. He is a lumber dealer. Address, Versailles, Mo.

6—Salina Elizabeth Merriott married Edward Hulett. He is at present employed as bookkeeper at the Versailles Brick Plant. Address, Versailles, Mo.

l—Fielding Walker Hughes, son of Little Berry Hughes, Jr., was born Jan. 18, 1848, and died Oct. 22, 1852.

m—Gedeliah Hughes was born April 8, 1852, and died Oct. 15, 1852.

n—Madison Peter, the youngest child of Little Berry Hughes, Jr., was born in Morgan Co., Mo., Nov. 28, 1853. He married Emma Henderson. His address is Stover, Mo. They have no children except an adopted daughter, named Minnie Belle Hughes. She is unmarried.

Madison Peter was only in his fifth year when his father died in 1858, and by the death of some of his older brothers, and the marriage and removal of others, he became the mainstay of his mother in her declining years. He has spent his entire life in Morgan Co., Mo., except five years—1874 to '79—spent in California.

In 1881 he bought a farm 9 miles west of Versailles, the county-seat, and in 1902, the Rock Island Railroad Co. built a line from St. Louis to Kansas City. The road

crossed his land, and a depot was located in his field. He platted a town site, and went to selling town lots. Thus was started the thriving railroad village of Stover, and Madison Peter Hughes became its founder.

This closes the sketch of Little Berry Hughes, Jr., and his descendants.

5—Sarah Martin Hughes, a daughter of Little Berry Hughes, Sr., and his wife, Mary (Walker) Hughes, married William Allen. He was a brother of the Jane Allen that married Sarah Martin's brother, William Powell Hughes.

The information that I have been able to obtain in regard to this member of our family is meager in the extreme.

It appears that at some time after their marriage, which was in Smith Co., Tenn., they went to Guntersville, Alabama, where, I suppose they spent the remainder of their lives.

One of their daughters married a Mr. McFarlane, and after the Civil War that branch of the family moved to Missouri, and settled in Chilicothe, Livingston Co.

Two of the daughters married farmers of that county, and another married a Professor McVeigh, who was for several years principal of the schools of Gallatin, Davis Co., Mo. Another daughter, Mollie McFarlane, went to California, and the family appears to be lost to their relatives.

I regret to be compelled to dismiss this branch of our family with so cursory a notice. For the little information that I here give I am indebted wholly to my cousin, Mrs. Susan A. (Hughes) Helwig, of Trenton, Mo.

6—Mary Hughes, generally called Polly, a daughter of Little Berry Hughes, Sr., was born in Smith Co., Tenn., March 25, 1812, and died near Berry's Lick, Butler Co., Ky., on Feb. 2, 1909, almost 97 years old.

On October 22, 1829, she married John Hooker, a farmer and also a Baptist preacher. In 1848, they moved from Smith Co., Tenn., to Crittenden County, Ky., where

they remained till 1852, living a while near Marion, a while near Cookville, and a part of the time at Dycusburg; and in December, 1852, moved to Butler Co., Ky., and settled near Berry's Lick, where Mr. Hooker died July 1, 1862, and where his widow continued to reside during the remainder of her life.

There were born to this marriage 7 children, all daughters, as follows:

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|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1—Sarah Walker.      | 4—Susannah.        |
| 2—Elizabeth Sanders. | 5—Lucy Temperance. |
| 3—Mary Berry.        | 6—Miranda.         |
| 7—Samantha.          |                    |

1—Sarah Walker Hooker married George Henderson Orange in Crittenden Co., Ky., in 1852, and went immediately to his home in Butler Co., Ky. He died many years ago. He was a farmer. The address of the family is Oakville, Logan Co., Ky.

2—Elizabeth Sanders Hooker married Green Reduke Bobbett, a farmer by occupation. He is dead, and I have not the address of his family.

3—Mary Berry Hooker married Calvin Curlee Bomar. He is dead. The address of the family, is Oakville, Logan Co., Ky.

4—Susannah Hooker married Thomas Neal Bomar. He is dead. The family address is Sugar Grove, Butler Co., Ky.

5—Lucy Temperance Hooker married William Goodwin. His address is Sugar Grove, Butler Co., Ky.

6—Miranda Hooker married Alfred Jackson Rush. He is a farmer. Address, Trammel, Allen Co., Ky.

7—Samantha Hooker is not married| Her address is Trammel, Allen Co., Ky.

## CHAPTER V.

7—John Walker Hughes, son of Little Berry Hughes, Sr., and his wife. Mary (Walker) Hughes, was born at the parental home, near New Middleton, Smith County, Tenn., Feb. 8, 1814, and died in Carthage, Smith Co., Tenn., Oct. 19, 1858. His remains were laid to rest in the family burying ground at his father's old homestead, then the home of Nathan Ward.

He was born and spent his entire life in Smith Co., Tenn. He was a most excellent and upright man in all the relations of life. While young he became a member of the Baptist church, presumably at the Hickman church, of the congregation of which his older brother, William Powell Hughes, was long the able and eloquent pastor. When the doctrinal split over the question of predestination came, resulting in the most violent commotion in the congregation, and its final separation into two denominational bodies, the Primitive or Hardshell, and the Missionary Baptists, both William P. and John W. took the Missionary side of the dispute. John W. continued to be a faithful and useful member of that denomination to the hour of his death.

He was a prominent man of affairs in his community. He served as Deputy Sheriff a number of years, and had been elected to the office of Sheriff of Smith County, and had just entered upon the duties of that office only a few months before his death.

Early in life he suffered some financial reverses through no fault of his own, but he met his misfortunes with the same Christian and philosophical fortitude and moral courage that sustained and animated him amid all the trying vicissitudes of life.

He married Virginia Freeland Nov. 13, 1837. She died June 13, 1898.

Of this union, there were born 11 children, of whom one died in infancy. The remaining 10 are now (1910) all living. They are as follows, in the order of their ages:

a—James Little Berry, born June 16, 1839.

b—Eliza Agnes, born Jan. 20, 1842.

c—Henry Clay, born Nov. 14, 1843.

d—Susan Elizabeth, born May 1, 1845.

e—Isa Phene, born Nov. 10, 1847.

f—Ophelia Alice, born Nov. 22, 1849.

g—Mildred Mary, born Nov. 1, 1851.

h—John Walker, born March 19, 1854.

i—Virginia Mary, born June 20, 1856.

j—Lucy Ward, born Aug. 29, 1858.

a—The oldest child, James Little Berry Hughes, address, Lebanon, Tenn., R. F. D. 10, served in the Confederate army, but was discharged on account of failing health. He was for a while engaged in mercantile business at Knobton, Tenn. He has been in bad health for a number of years. He married Mildred Agnes Hughes, a daughter of John Powell and Mary Hughes, Feb. 9, 1872. They are first cousins, their mothers being sisters. Their fathers were first cousins. Mildred Agnes was born July 31, 1848. Their children are 5 in number, as follows:

1—Mary Bernice was born Aug. 21, 1873, and died Oct. 31, 1876.

2—Georgie Freeland Hughes was born Nov. 19, 1876, and died at a hospital in Nashville June 29, 1905. She was a press-feeder at the Methodist Publishing House in Nashville.

3—Ernest Clay Hughes was born Sept. 21, 1878.

4—Mary Banks Hughes was born May 13, 1881.

5—Oliver Clay Charles Hughes, born Feb. 12, 1884.

3—Ernest Clay Hughes superintends a crew of men on the T. C. railroad, address Monterey, Tenn.

4—Mary Banks Hughes is unmarried, and lives with her parents.

5—Oliver Clay Charles Hughes works on the railroad with his brother, Ernest Clay. He is the youngest of the children of James Little Berry and Mildred Agnes Hughes. Address, Monterey, Tenn.

b—Eliza Agnes, the second child and oldest daughter of John W. and Virginia Hughes, was attending school in Carthage at the time of her father's death in 1858. She became a teacher and taught for a long number of years. She rendered very material and substantial aid to her widowed mother, who was left, as will be seen, with a large family of children, some of them very small. She married James Henry Piper, a highly respected business man of Carthage, Tenn., July 13, 1868. Mr. Piper was a soldier in the Confederate army, and is now a farmer, living near Portland, Sumner Co., Tenn. They have no children.

c—Henry Clay Hughes, son of John W. Sr., is unmarried, is a farmer, and lives with two of his sisters on the old paternal homestead near Rome, Tenn. Address, Lebanon, Tenn., R. F. D. 10.

d—Susan Elizabeth Hughes married James Banks Jones Jan. 18, 1860. He was born Jan. 7, 1833. He has been a very prosperous and successful man. He owns a good river farm on the south side of the Cumberland river, near Wright's Landing. He has given a great deal of attention to raising, buying and shipping tobacco during a large part of his life. Address, Lebanon, Tenn., R. F. D. 10. Their children are 7 in number as follows:

1—James Freeland, born May 1, 1867.

2—William Ward, born Nov. 26, 1870.

3—Nevada Lee, born March 26, 1873.

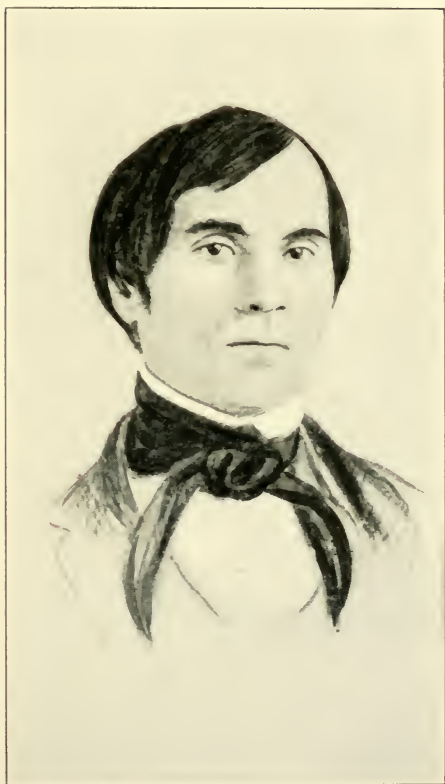
4—Cornelia Agnes, born Aug. 29, 1875.

5—Susan Elizabeth, born March 7, 1877.

6—Virginia Mary, born Sept. 1, 1880.

7—Thurman, born April 21, 1882.

1—James Freeland Jones is unmarried. He travels for a wholesale dry goods house in Nashville, Tenn. Address, With Spurlock-Neal & Co., Nashville, Tenn.



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2—William Ward Jones married Fannie Chambers in the latter part of 1908. He lives in Dixon's Springs, Tenn., and deals in tobacco.

3—Nevada Lee Jones died unmarried just as she was reaching young womanhood.

4—Cornelia Agnes Jones married Neal Beck about the year 1903, and was living near Corsicana, Texas, when she died Jan. 10, 1909, and her remains were brought back and buried at Dixon's Springs, Tenn.

5—Susan Elizabeth Jones married Arthur W. Gann Jan. 23, 1903. He was born Sept. 27, 1877. He holds the office of Deputy Sheriff. Address, Rome, Tenn.

Their children are 3 in number, as follows:

a—Nellie Catherine Gann, born Sept. 16, 1904.

b—Elizabeth Lañora Gann, born Nov. 1, 1906.

c—James Jones Gann, born May 18, 1909.

6—Virginia Mary Jones married Robert Archibald Norris Dec. 27, 1899. He was born May 25, 1876. He is the son of Captain Norris, a Confederate veteran, Surveyor and school teacher. They have 3 children, as follows:

a—Roland Neal Norris, born July 23, 1901.

b—William Cummings Norris, born Sept. 26, 1906.

c—Sarah Susan Norris, born April 3, 1908.

7—Thurman Jones is unmarried, and a farmer. Address, probably Lebanon, Tenn.

e—Isa Phene Hughes, daughter of John Walker Hughes, Sr., married William Austin, Feb. 1, 1877. Mr. Austin was born Sept. 7, 1847. Occupation, a banker. Address, Portland, Tenn. Their children are 3, as follows:

1—William Clay, born May 3, 1879.

2—Clara Maude, born April 12, 1878.

3—Leon Dickerson, born June 22, 1881.

1—William Clay Austin is engaged in the banking business in Portland, Tenn. He married Pattie Dora Cuzzart May 26, 1904. Their children are 2, as follows:

a—Lois Maurine Austin, born Jan. 12, 1906.

b—William Ward Austin, born Jan. 21, 1909.

2—Clara Maude Austin married Simon Edward Elliott Dec. 17, 1905. Occupation, farmer. Address, Gallatin, Tenn. They have one child:

Virginia Elizabeth Elliott, born April 1, 1907.

3—Leon Dickerson Austin is unmarried. He is a dealer in brick and other building material in Portland, Tenn.

f—Ophelia Alice Hughes, daughter of John W. Sr., married Misher Cunningham July 27, 1871. Mr. Cunningham was born June 15, 1844. He is a prosperous farmer, and owns a good and fertile river farm on the south side of the Cumberland river in Trousdale Co., Tenn. Address, Lebanon, Tenn., R. F. D. 11. Their children are 6, as follows:

1—Herman Misher, born Sept. 14, 1874.

2—Sarah Virginia, born April 24, 1877.

3—John Walker, born June 23, 1880.

4—Ophelia Elizabeth, born Dec. 25, 1882.

5—Frank Clay, born Aug. 10, 1885.

6—Othniel, born April 21, 1889.

1—Herman Misher Cunningham is unmarried. He is a live stock dealer. Address, Lebanon, Tenn., R. F. D. 10.

2—Sarah Virginia Cunningham married William Hickerson Stanford May 31, 1903. He is a farmer, now a dealer in hardware, owns a good farm on the north side of the Cumberland river. Address, Hartsville, Tenn. No children.

3—John Walker Cunningham is unmarried. He is employed as a sales clerk in the large department store of Lebeck Bros., Nashville, Tennessee.

4—Ophelia Elizabeth Cunningham married Brice Odell Hall Sept. 12, 1906. Mr. Hall was born April 17, 1876. He is a farmer, but is now employed as a traveling collector for the Wrought Iron Range Co. Address, Hartsville, Tenn. The children born of this marriage are 2, as follows:

a—Sarah Elloise Hall, born Oct. 25, 1907.

b—Virginia Elizabeth Hall, born June 2, 1909, and died May 9, 1910.

c—Another child, a son, has been recently born, name not learned.

5—Frank Clay Cunningham is unmarried. He is employed by the Red Fox Shoe Co., of Nashville, Tenn.

6—Othniel Cunningham is unmarried, and is attending school at the Masonic Academy at Hartsville, Tenn., and is also taking a business course of instruction. He works on the farm during his vacations.

g—Mildred Mary Hughes, daughter of John W. Sr., married William B. Martin Dec. 29, 1875. Mr. Martin was born Sept. 1, 1850. He is a tinner in Lebanon, and has a fine trade there. Their children are 7, as follows:

1—John Wesley, born Oct. 1, 1876.

2 & 3—Minnie and Daisy, twins, born Oct. 3, 1878.

4—Willie Myrtle, born Sept. 4, 1880.

5—James Hughes, born Aug. 1, 1887.

6—Nellie Rue, born Dec. 26, 1889.

7—Virginia Freeland, born Oct. 27, 1891.

1—John Wesley Martin married Ada Belle Laine Sept. 20, 1909. He is a tinner engaged with his father. They have one son, William, born July 16, 1910.

2—Minnie Martin died Dec. 12, 1881.

3—Daisy Martin died July 12, 1879.

4—Willie Myrtle Martin married John T. Babb Sept. 2, 1902. Occupation, engineer. Address, Lebanon, Tenn. Their children are 3 in number, as follows:

a—John Wesley Babb, born October, 1904, and died Oct. 16, 1904.

b—Billie Martin Babb, born April 7, 1906, and died April 18, 1909.

c—Mildred Ann Babb, born March 30, 1908.

5—James Hughes Martin married Mary Kate Harley March 9, 1909. Occupation bookkeeper. Address, Lebanon, Tenn. One child, Mary Elizabeth, born Jan. 5, 1910.

6—Nellie Rue Martin, unmarried.

7—Virginia Freeland Martin, unmarried.

h—John Walker Hughes, Jr., son of John Walker, Sr., married Louvenia Ann Shipp, Oct. 13, 1887. She was born Oct. 4, 1867. John W. is engaged in the mercantile business at Cedar Bluff, Tenn. He also owns a good farm there. Their children are 4, as follows:

1—Ethel Bernard, born Jan. 12, 1889.

2—John Gillim, born Sept. 30, 1892.

3—Hubie Walker, born June 11, 1895.

4—Julia Virginia, born June 17, 1902.

These 4 are all unmarried. John Gillim is in business with his father.

i—Virginia Mary Hughes is not married. She lives at the old paternal homestead near Rome, Tenn., and follows teaching.

j—Lucy Ward Hughes, youngest child of John Walker Hughes, Sr., is unmarried. She lives at the old home with her sister, Virginia Mary, and her brother, Henry Clay Hughes,—all unmarried.

This closes the record of John Walker Hughes, Sr.

8—Gedeliah Hughes, son of Little Berry Hughes, Sr., and his wife, Mary (Walker) Hughes, was born in Smith Co., Tenn., Jan. 30, 1816. He was born on his father's farm, received a collegiate education, and on May 9, 1838, he married Jane Penn Walker, a daughter of Thomas Walker, in Muhlenberg Co., Ky. They were cousins twice removed or third cousins, Jane's father being a first cousin to Gedeliah's mother.

Jane's mother was Mary Dillon, of Prince Edward County, Virginia, where she and Thomas Walker were united in marriage, and afterwards removed to Smith County, Tenn., where their daughter Jane was born Aug. 10, 1820.

In 1837, Thomas Walker moved to Muhlenberg Co., Ky. After the marriage of Gedeliah and Jane, they went to Smith Co., Tenn., and remained about six months, when they returned to Muhlenberg Co., Ky.

In October, 1842, Thomas Walker and his family, together with Gedeliah and Jane Hughes removed to Grundy

Co., Mo., then on the frontier. There Gedeliah Hughes, in the midst of a wilderness, went to work to contribute his part in building up a prosperous community; and faithfully he did his work, spending the last nineteen years of his life in transforming the wilderness into happy homes for the posterity of himself and others. He died on Dec. 19, 1861. His faithful wife survived him almost exactly 48 years, dying Dec. 24, 1909, in the 90th year of her age.

There were born to this marriage 9 children, named in the order of their ages, as follows:

- a—Little Berry, died in early childhood.
- b—Mary Elizabeth, died while yet a child.
- c—Mary Jane, died while yet a child.
- d—Susan Araminta.
- e—Thomas Walker.
- f—James Cooper.
- g—Flavius Josephus, died in childhood in Grundy Co., Mo.
- h—Henry Judson.

i—Lizzie Lea, died in Trenton, Mo., in the eighteenth year of her age. She never married.

d—Susan Araminta Hughes, named for her father's youngest sister, married Jacob Helwig, a carpenter and contractor, on Feb. 20, 1868, in Grundy Co., Mo. Mr. Helwig was a native of Tuscarawas Co., Ohio. He spent his entire married life in Trenton or in Grundy Co., Mo. He died in Trenton June 2, 1902. His widow lives at No. 707, Chandler street, Trenton, Missouri. Their children are 3 in number, named in the order of their ages, as follows:

- 1—Francis Berry.
- 2—Orrel Jane.
- 3—Katie Ernestine.

1—Francis Berry Helwig married Mary Byrd Cash, of Spickard, Mo. He is master carpenter on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad. His present headquarters are at Eldorado, Ark.

2—Orrel Jane Helwig is not married, is a milliner, and resides with her mother.

3—Katie Ernestine Helwig is not married. She is a teacher in the State Normal school at Maryville, Mo., but regards Trenton, Mo., as her home.

e—Thomas Walker Hughes, a farmer, named for his grand-father Walker, married Helen L. Davis of Illinois. She died in Trenton in 1892. In 1906 he married Mrs. Almira Martin Bonta, a widow. His address is Trenton, Mo. There are no children of the second marriage. Of the first there are 2 children living. Named in the order of their ages, they are as follows:

1—Ollie.

2—Anna.

1—Ollie Hughes is not married, and has a situation as bookkeeper and stenographer in Kingman, Kansas.

2—Anna Hughes is not married, and has taken a homestead claim in Montana, and is living on it, but her address has not been learned.

f—James Cooper Hughes married Sarah Elizabeth Alexander, whose native home was near Zanesville, Ohio. His address is Trenton, Mo. His children are 2, as follows:

1—Judson Alexander.

2—Thomas Yancy.

1—Judson Alexander Hughes is not married. He is employed as a druggist's clerk, and is studying pharmacy. Address, Trenton, Mo.

2—Thomas Yancy Hughes is yet in his teens, is not married. He manifests a partiality for railroad work, is now a call boy. Address, Trenton, Mo.

h—Henry Judson Hughes, the youngest living child of Gedeliah Hughes and his wife, Jane Penn (Walker) Hughes, was born in Grundy Co., Mo., Jan. 30, 1858. He now lives at Trenton, Mo. He is a real estate dealer, farmer and breeder of thoroughbred stock. He married Alice Austin a daughter of James and Susan Austin, Dec. 30, 1879. To this marriage have been born 3 children, as follows:

1—Roy Ambler, born Nov. 5, 1880.

2—Lela Austin, born Nov. 7, 1883.

3—James Blaine, born April 8, 1891, and died Sept. 24, 1904.

1—Roy Ambler Hughes is not married. He is a general manager on his father's stock farm.

2—Lela Austin Hughes married Erle Dill Winslow, of Fort Worth, Texas. He is chief clerk to the Vice President and General Manager of the Chicago, Rock Island & Gulf Railroad. He is also Superintendent of Telegraph. They have one child, a son, named William Judson Winslow.

The following succinct but very graphic sketch of Henry Judson Hughes is from a recently published "History of Grundy County." It is a literal copy of the extract, as follows:

"Henry Judson Hughes, son of Gedaliah and Jane P. (Walker) Hughes, was born in Grundy County, Missouri, Jan. 30, 1858. He now lives at Trenton. He was married Dec. 30, 1879, to Alice Austin, daughter of James and Susan Austin. They have two children: Roy Ambler, born Nov. 5, 1880, unmarried; Lela Austin, born Nov. 7, 1883, now the wife of E. D. Winslow, of Fort Worth, Texas (she has one child, a son, William, born June 4, 1909); James Blaine was born April 8, 1891, died Sept. 24, 1904.

"Mr. Hughes lived on a farm until he was ten years old. He came to Trenton with his mother; at the age of thirteen he began working in a grocery store. He afterwards clerked for eight years for W. C. Benson. He was in the general merchandise business for eight years under the firm name of H. J. Hughes & Co., and in 1891 he engaged in the Real Estate and Farm Loan business, in which he is still engaged. Mr. Hughes does a large land business and has been the cause of many farmers from Iowa and Illinois coming to Grundy County. Some years his business runs as high as \$400,000. In addition to his Real Estate and Loan business, Mr. Hughes owns and operates a fine breeding farm three miles northwest of Trenton which is known as Hughesdale. He breeds the



Dual Purpose Shorthorn cattle, and Duroc Jersey hogs. This is the home of Rowena Second, the champion Dual Purpose cow at the St. Louis World's Fair. Hughesdale is now under the management of Roy A. Hughes.

"In 1907 Governor Folk appointed Mr. Hughes one of the Regents of the Maryville Normal school for a term of six years.

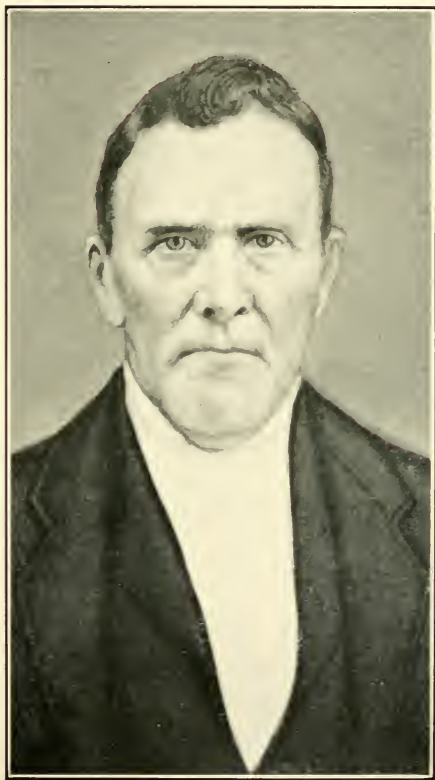
"Mr. Hughes is a Republican, a member of the First Baptist church, and was chairman of the building committee when their present church was erected on Elm Street. He is a Mason and an Odd Fellow."

The reader will note an error in the number of Mr. Hughes' children as stated in the above extract. It should be 3 children instead of 2. The names of the children are given correctly.

9—Susannah, the youngest child of Little Berry Hughes, Sr., and Mary (Walker) Hughes, married Henry Crawford Jones in Smith County, Tenn. She died early in life, leaving one child, a daughter, named Lucy Ann Jones, who died young and unmarried. After the death of Susannah, Mr. Jones, who was a most excellent man, married Winnie Duncan, a daughter of John Duncan, and moved to Butler Co., Ky., and settled near Berry's Lick. He died many years ago.

This closes the sketch of Little Berry Hughes, Sr., and his 9 children.





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## CHAPTER VI.

### Mary Hughes.

2—Mary or Polly Hughes, daughter of Powell Hughes, and sister of Little Berry Hughes, Sr., married John Lankford in Prince Edward Co., Virginia; and about the year 1828, they moved to Smith County, Tenn., and later moved to Wilson Co., Tenn., and presumably by successive moves, became separated from the family, and disappeared. So far as I have been able to learn, nothing has been heard from them in a generation.

### Edith Hughes.

3—Edith Hughes, third child of Powell Hughes, as the reader has already learned, married her cousin John or Jack Hughes in Prince Edward County, Virginia. They moved to Smith County, Tenn., about the year 1828. They probably came in the same party with John Lankford. They remained in Smith County till about the year 1845, when they moved to Crittenden Co., Ky., and settled about 6 or 8 miles west of Marion, the county-seat, where they both died between 1855 and 1860. The exact dates of their deaths have not been learned. They were both very old at the time of their deaths.

Their children were 4 in number, as follows:

a—Susan.

c—Elizabeth.

b—Nancy.

d—Leander.

The above is correct as to the number and names, but they may not be arranged exactly according to their respective ages. It is certain, however, that Susan was the oldest.

a—Susan Hughes, more frequently called Suky, was born Jan. 11, 1804. She married Josiah Davidson in Prince Edward Co., Virginia, Dec. 31, 1824. Mr. Davidson was

born Aug. 24, 1802, and died in 1884 or '85. Susan died about 1895. They moved to Smith Co., Tenn., about 1828, and from Smith to Crittenden Co., Ky., about 1845, where the remainder of their lives was passed. Their children were 9 in number, as follows:

- 1—Elizabeth died young and unmarried.
- 2—John Henry, born in October, 1827.
- 3—Nancy Powell, born Sept. 8, 1830.
- 4—Samuel Anderson, born in May, 1833.
- 5—Leroy, born in 1835.
- 6—Joseph Archibald, born in September, 1837.
- 7—Edith Jane, born in August, 1841.
- 8—Benjamin Franklin, born May 11, 1844.
- 9—William Brookshire, born in 1847.

2—John Henry Davidson married Sarah Jane Hughes, a daughter of Leander Hughes, Sr., about the year 1852. They both died in Crittenden Co., Ky., near the year 1900. They were cousins once removed. Their children were 4, as follows:

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| a—Robert.  | c—Mattie.         |
| b—Carroll. | d—Francis Marion. |

a—Robert Davidson went west in 1878. If he is married, the name of his wife is not known to me.

b—Carroll Davidson died unmarried in the latter part of the '70's.

c—Mattie married Lucien Larue, a son of W. Jefferson Larue.

d—Francis Marion Davidson married Minnie Allen, a daughter of Eugene Allen.

3—Nancy Powell Davidson, daughter of Josiah and Susan Davidson, married Seth Wade Hughes, a carpenter and builder, a son of Leander Hughes, Sr. They are cousins once removed. Address, Harrisburg, Illinois. Their children will be given under the head of Seth Wade Hughes.

4—Samuel Anderson Davidson married Sarah Riley. He is a farmer. Address, not known. I am not sure that

he is living. He served in the 48th Illinois Infantry in the Civil War.

5—Leroy Davidson, was a farmer. He served in the 48th Illinois Infantry in the Civil War. He was twice married. His first wife was Jemima Threlkeld and his second was Paulina Franklin. He died about or a little prior to 1890.

6—Joseph Archibald Davidson married Lucy Franklin, a daughter of Anthony Franklin. He was a farmer, merchant and tobacco dealer. He died in February, 1909. His widow's address is Levias, Ky. Their children's names are not fully known. His oldest son, Grant, married Lola Pond. His oldest daughter, Elizabeth, married David W. Carter. His daughter Sallie married her cousin, Thomas Davidson, a son of Samuel A. Davidson. He had twin sons generally called Buckner and Terrell, but I do not know their full names. He had a daughter named Ida that I think married a Mr. Stevens. Another daughter married Gideon Taylor.

7—Edith Jane Davidson married Hale Franklin, a farmer, now retired, address, Marion, Ky.

8—Benjamin Franklin Davidson is a farmer and carpenter. He served in the 3rd Kentucky Cavalry from March, 1864, to the close of the war, was with Sherman's army all of that time. He has been twice married. He first married Edna Threlkeld. His second wife was Elizabeth Wilson. His present address is Soldiers' Home, Danville, Illinois.

9—William Brookshire Davidson married Harriet Alison, a daughter of Berry Alison. I think his present address is Marion, Ky.

Of the above named 9 children of Josiah and Susan (Hughes) Davidson, the following are known to be dead: Elizabeth, John Henry, Leroy, and Joseph Archibald. So far as the writer knows, the others are all living.

b—Nancy Hughes, daughter of Jack and Edith Hughes, married Joseph Duncan, a farmer, in Smith County, Tenn.

They both died in Illinois many years ago. Their children were 3 in number, as follows:

1—John.

2—Edith Powell.

3—Leander.

1—John Duncan enlisted in the 48th Illinois Infantry in the Civil War, and died at home on sick furlough, in Crittenden Co., Ky., only a few months after his enlistment. He never married.

2—Edith Powell married, but I do not know the name of her husband. They lived in Illinois.

3—Leander Duncan was twice married. He first married Mollie Beard in Crittenden Co., Ky. After her death, which occurred in Illinois, he married again, but I am not informed as to the name of his second wife. He died about the year 1880.

c—Elizabeth Hughes, a daughter of Jack and Edith Hughes, married Richard Powell Hughes, a son of Leander Hughes, Sr., a farmer, in Smith County, Tenn. They were first cousins. She died in Crittenden Co., Ky., about 1858 or '59. Their children will be given in the sketch of Richard Powell Hughes.

d—Leander Hughes, son of Jack and Edith Hughes, never married. He enlisted for the Mexican War, and died at Memphis, Tenn., while in the service.

### **Leander Hughes, Sr.**

4—My grand-father Leander Hughes, Sr., the fourth child of Powell Hughes, Sr., and his wife Elizabeth (Coleman) Hughes, was born as has already been seen in Prince Edward County, Virginia. He moved to Smith County, Tennessee, in 1810, and settled on the Dry Fork of Mulherrin's Creek, just across the creek from his brother Little Berry Hughes, Sr., about one mile from New Middleton. The place is now the property and the home of Lafayette Bradford.

There he spent the remainder of his life. He died in the latter part of the year 1836. He was a farmer all his life. He also built and operated a water mill on the little

creek. During his life he accumulated a comfortable competency, but was not rich. He owned, at the time of his death, two or three tracts of land, amounting to several hundred acres, was out of debt, and owned 4 slaves, Uncle Bill, Aunt Grace, and two lusty boys, between fifteen and twenty years old, named respectively Zack and Patrick.

My grand-father was three times married. His first wife was Elizabeth Fretwell, whom he married in Prince Edward Co., Virginia. She died in Smith Co., Tenn., about the year 1815. He afterwards married Rebecca Bell. She died about 1827 or '28, and he soon afterwards married Martha Paris, a daughter of James Paris.

The Hughes family has long been noted as a prolific one, but my grand-father broke all records with an even score of children, all of whom lived to be grown people, and 18 of them married and reared families. They were as follows:

First wife:

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1—Gideon.         | 5—Julia.            |
| 2—Richard Powell. | 6—Caroline.         |
| 3—Gillie.         | 7—Leander.          |
| 4—Philadelphia.   | 8—Leonard Fretwell. |

Second wife:

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| 9—John James—my father. | 13—Ira Bell.         |
| 10—Little Berry.        | 14—Seth Wade.        |
| 11—Elizabeth.           | 15—Foley Brookshire. |
| 12—William.             | 16—Thomas Henry.     |

Third wife:

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|----------------|-----------------|
| 17—Sarah Jane. | 19—Jesse Paris. |
| 18—Nancy Ann.  | 20—Susan Lea.   |

After the death of my grand-father, his third wife married Reuben Baird, and there were born of this marriage 4 children, as follows:

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| 1—Mary Elizabeth. | 3—Martha Frances. |
| 2—Hannah Prowell. | 4—Reuben.         |

Thus we see that the first wife was the mother of 8,

the second of 8, and the third was the mother of 4 Hughes, and 4 Baird children, which made her 8.

Of the first wife's children the first 3 or 4 were born in Prince Edward Co., Virginia. All the others were born in Smith Co., Tenn.

1—Gideon Hughes married Elizabeth Paris, a daughter of Obadiah Paris, Sr. Gideon was a farmer. He died in Smith County, Tenn., early in life, leaving 4 children, all sons, as follows:

a—Jesse Powell.

c—Leander.

b—Obadiah.

d—Lemuel Fretwell.

a—Jesse Powell has spent his entire life in Smith Co., Tenn. He is now an old man, and long ago became proverbial for his scrupulous integrity. He is a farmer, but has been a produce dealer during a part of his life. He has lived for several years near Chestnut Mound, Tenn., which is his address. He has but 1 child, a daughter, named Nancy or Nannie, who married Samuel McKinney, a farmer.

The address of the whole family is Chestnut Mound, Tenn.

b—Obadiah Hughes was born in Smith Co., Tenn. When a young man he spent a year or two in Crittenden Co., Ky., returning to Smith County in September, 1851. He was then unmarried. Again in time of the Civil War, and after his marriage he lived a while in Crittenden Co. About the close of the Civil War he settled down on a farm on Hickman's Creek at the mouth of Pigg's branch, where he spent the remainder of his life. He died many years ago. A few years prior to the Civil War he married Lucy Jane Jeffreys. Their children were 4, as follows:

1—Andrew.

3—William.

2—Robert.

4—Bettie.

1—Andrew married a daughter of Daniel Agee, first name not known.

2—Robert first married a daughter of Samuel Johnson, first name not known. She is dead, and Robert has married again; name of second wife not known.



3—William died while a boy. 4—Bettie is unmarried.

c—Leander, third son of Giden and Elizabeth (Paris) Hughes, married Mary Pigg, a daughter of William and Martha (Duncan) Pigg, and in 1860, moved to Western Missouri, and nothing is known of his descendants. It is said that he died about 1890, and that his family, or a part of them, moved to Texas.

d—Lemuel Fretwell Hughes, fourth and youngest child of Gideon and Elizabeth (Paris) Hughes, was born in Smith Co., Tenn., Jan. 13, 1834. On Sept. 2, 1852, he married Julia Ann Ashley, a daughter of William Ashley. He has always been a farmer. He remained in Smith Co., Tenn., till 1857, when he moved to Crittenden Co., Ky. He remained in the last named county till 1874, when he moved to Hopkins Co., Ky., where he still resides. His address is Manitou, Ky. His children are 5, as follows:

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1—William Leander. | 3—John M.          |
| 2—James Obadiah.   | 4—Elizabeth Green. |
| 5—Candace Carline. |                    |

1—William Leander Hughes was born Oct. 29, 1853, has been twice married. His first wife was Fredonia Kirkwood, a daughter of James Kirkwood of Hopkins Co., Ky. She died, and he afterwards married Mrs. Dedie Mathews, a widow, whose first name was Jacobs. He has followed various pursuits, has been a farmer, a grocer's clerk, &c. His present address is Blodgett, Missouri. There have been no children of the second marriage. The first wife was the mother of 1 child, a daughter, named Willie, who, I think, is unmarried.

2—James Obadiah Hughes has been twice married. His first wife was Rebecca Alexander. His second was Henrietta Jones. His address is Taylor's Mines, Ky. There were no children of the first marriage. Of the second there are 8, as follows:

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| a—Ada Elizabeth. | e—William L.  |
| b—James Lemuel.  | f—Carrie Ann. |
| c—Laura Bell.    | g—John M.     |
| d—Amanda Lee.    | h—Flora.      |

3—John M. Hughes has been twice married. His first wife was Frances Paralee Melton. His second was Rachel Howard. His address has not been learned. There are no children of the second marriage. Of the first there are 2, as follows:

a—James William.

b—Minnie Bell.

4—Elizabeth Green Hughes married Franklin Pierce Lutz. He is dead. Elizabeth's address is Dawson Springs, Ky. She has 2 children, daughters, named:

a—Matilda Palestine.

b—Venerah.

5—Candace Carline Hughes was born in March, 1864, in Crittenden Co., Ky. In 1880 she married Charles Taylor Cox, a prosperous farmer in Hopkins Co., Ky. Address, Manitou, Ky. Their children are 3, as follows:

a—Carl Lansin.

b—Bertha Ann.

c—Claude Ernest.

a—Carl Lansin was born in 1883, and died unmarried in 1908.

b—Bertha Ann was born in 1889. She married Charles Franklin Clark. Address, Manitou, Ky.

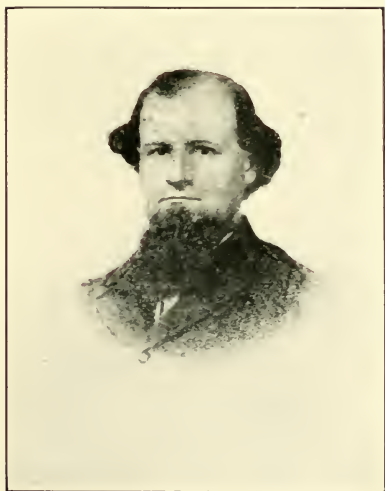
c—Claude Ernest was born in 1893.

2—Richard Powell Hughes, second child of Leander and Elizabeth (Fretwell) Hughes, married his cousin Elizabeth, a daughter of Jack and Edith Hughes, in Smith Co., Tenn., a little prior to the year 1840. About 1845 he moved to Crittenden Co., Ky., where Elizabeth died about the year 1858 or '59. In 1860 he married Sarah James, a sister of L. H. James, of Marion, Ky. He later moved to Illinois, where his second wife died, and he afterwards married a Mrs. Shoemaker, a widow. He was always a farmer. He died some time near the year 1880. There were no children of his second and third marriages. Of the first marriage there were 2 children, a son and a daughter:

a—William Leander.

b—Emma or Emily.

a—William Leander served in Co. C., 3rd Ky., Cavalry, from December, 1861, to August, 1865, when he was dis-



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charged at Louisville, Ky. The regiment was with Sherman's army during the last twelve months of the war, and was mustered for discharge at Lexington, North Carolina. He was a carpenter by trade. He married Eliza or Lizzie Brain in Saline Co., Ills., about the year 1871. There he spent the remainder of his life. He died about 1890 or '91 from injuries received in a fall from a building on which he was at work.

b—Emma was born a cripple, and died unmarried at the age of about 30.

3—Gillie, third child and oldest daughter of Leander Hughes, Sr., married James Gaulden Paris, a son of Obadiah Paris. She and her husband spent their entire married lives on a farm on the head of Paris branch, scarcely a mile from Gillie's parental home. Her husband was a farmer, carpenter, cooper and wagon-maker, and a most excellent man.

Their children were 9 in number, 2 sons and 7 daughters, as follows:

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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| a—Elizabeth Fretwell. | e—Lucy Powell.    |
| b—Judith Lea.         | f—Nancy Jane.     |
| c—James Americus.     | g—Gillie Frances. |
| d—Martha Ann.         | h—Mary.           |
| i—William Marion.     |                   |

a—Elizabeth Fretwell Paris married Joseph Moss, a very successful farmer, whose address was Hickman, Tenn. Fretwell died in 1869. Joseph married again, but has now been dead many years.

b—Judith Lea Paris married Philip Baker, a farmer. She died August 9, 1889, leaving no children.

c—James Americus Paris married Martha Moore. He is a farmer. Address, Brush Creek, Tenn.

d—Martha Ann married Bethel James, a son of Daniel James. They moved to Crittenden Co., Ky., about 1858. They moved back to Smith Co., Tenn., in the fall of 1867. Bethel sickened on the way, and died a few days after reaching his destination. Martha Ann died Aug. 14, 1886.

Their children were 1 son and 2 or 3 daughters. The son's name is William Daniel. He married Nancy Jane Paris, a daughter of John B. and Eliza Ann (Gass) Paris. They were second cousins. Nancy Jane is dead. William D. lives in Crittenden Co., Ky. I think his address is Mexico, Ky.

Martha Ann James' oldest daughter is named Mary, and married William Baird, a farmer, a son of Jeremy Baird. Address, New Middleton, Tenn.

e—Lucy Powell Paris married Watt Wilkerson, a farmer. She died Oct. 3, 1879. She had survived her husband. She had no children.

f—Nancy Jane Paris, generally called Nannie or Nan, married Diggs Thomas, a son of Solomon Thomas. They went to Crittenden Co., Ky., soon after their marriage, and she died a very short time afterwards. She had no children.

g—Gillie Frances died unmarried at the paternal homestead July 19, 1901.

h—Mary Paris married Simeon Jones, a farmer, carpenter and miller. He died several years ago. Mary now resides at Hickman, Tenn. Her children are 9, as follows:

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|------------------|--------------------|
| 1—Lucy Ellen.    | 5—James Simeon.    |
| 2—Lue Etta.      | 6—Mary Elizabeth.  |
| 3—Emma Frances.  | 7—Sarah Allen.     |
| 4—Albert Sidney. | 8—William Charles. |

9—Minnie Elsie.

William Marion Paris married Green Johnson. He died October 9, 1894.

The only surviving members of the above branch of the family are James Americus Paris and Mary Jones.

4—Philadelphia, a daughter of Leander Hughes, Sr., married Berry Coleman, a distant cousin. They married in Smith Co., Tenn., some time in the '30's. In 1852, they moved to Butler Co., Ky., where they spent the remainder of their lives. Philadelphia survived Berry many years, but the former has been dead nearly 40 years.

Their children were 7, as follows:

a—Minerva.  
b—Mary Ann.  
c—Elizabeth.

d—Leander.  
e—Berry.  
f—George.

g—John.

a—Minerva married Leonard Allison. Occupation, farmer. Address, Sunny Lane, Ky.

b—Mary Ann married Luther Orange. Occupation, farmer. Address, Sunny Lane, Ky.

c—Elizabeth died unmarried.

d—Leander died unmarried.

e—Berry married Jane Cossie.

f—George married Mary Jane Belcher.

g—John Coleman married Catharine Coleman, a first cousin.

5—Julia Hughes married James Paris' a son of James Paris, Sr., and a first cousin of the James Paris that married Gillie Hughes. Julia and James, early in life, moved to Crittenden Co., Ky., where they spent the remainder of their lives. Julia died during the 50's and James during, or soon after the Civil War.

Their children were 4, two sons and two daughters, as follows:

a—Archibald married twice. No children.

b—Leonard married a Miss Smart. He was a physician.

c—Sarah married a Mr. Salyer.

d—Martha married a Mr. Calvert.

6—Caroline Hughes married Jacob Gill, a farmer, carpenter, cooper and chair-maker. They married in Smith Co., Tenn., but very early in life, moved to Crittenden Co., Ky. For many years after their migration the site of the present town of Marion, was an unbroken forest. They both died during the 80's. Their children were 7, as follows:

a—Elizabeth.

d—Francis Brown.

b—Lucretia.

e—John James.

c—Jane.

f—Martha Ann.

g—William Leander.

a—Elizabeth married Rev. William Gregston, a Baptist preacher, well known for his force and eloquence in the pulpit. He died about 1898. Rev. Collin Hodge Gregston, whose address is, or recently was, Morganfield, Ky., is a son of Rev. William Gregston.

b—Lucretia Gill was twice married. Her first husband was Samuel Ramsey. Her second was Vincent Brantley, a farmer. He survived Lucretia, but died early in the 70's. Lucretia died about 1864. He had married a second time.

c—Jane Gill married Lankford Simpson, a farmer. Address, Marion, Ky.

d—Francis Brown Gill married Mary Farley. He died about 1864.

e—John James Gill married Martha Butler.

f—Martha Ann was twice married. Her first husband was David Nelson. Her second was Daniel Brantley, a farmer, whose last known address was Dawson Springs, Ky.

g—William Leander died during the Civil War. He was probably 15 years old.



## CHAPTER VII.

7—Leander Hughes, Jr., a son of Leander Hughes, Sr., was born in Smith Co., Tenn. According to the most reliable information obtainable, the date of his birth was June 10, 1812. He died Feb. 19, 1894. While young and unmarried he went from his native county and State to Crittenden Co., Ky. On June 12, 1841, he married Catharine Wilborn, who was born May 6, 1821, and died Jan. 19, 1899. Leander's occupation was that of a carpenter mainly, but he spent his entire married life on a farm a little more than a mile east of Marion on the road leading to Providence, Ky. He had bought the farm before his marriage.

The children of this marriage were 7, two sons and five daughters, as follows:

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| a—William.                     | d—Martha Ellen. |
| b—Mary Catharine.              | e—Araminta.     |
| c—Leander.                     | f—Maggie.       |
| g—Charlie (youngest daughter). |                 |

a—William Hughes was born Sept. 6, 1843. He married Jane Ann Gilbert, daughter of Michael G. Gilbert, of Crittenden Co., Ky., May 8, 1867. She was born Feb. 2, 1847, and died July 25, 1894. William has followed various pursuits. He owns a good farm near Marion, Ky. He has been a farmer, hotel keeper and tobacco handler. He is an excellent citizen, and a most companionable friend. His home at present is divided between Paducah and Marion, Ky. He has not married a second time. His children are 7, as follows:

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| 1—Ena Martha.    | 4—Charles Henry. |
| 2—Annie.         | 5—Fred Gilbert.  |
| 3—William Utley. | 6—Carrie.        |
| 7—Curtis Gray.   |                  |

1—Ena Martha Hughes was born March 27, 1869. She married William Robert Gibbs, a farmer. Address, Fredonia, Ky.

2—Annie Hughes was born Nov. 14, 1872. She married Jesse William Hamby, a carpenter. Address Brownwood, Texas.

3—William Utley Hughes was born Nov. 14, 1874. On March 24, 1904, he married Eva Nunn, daughter of Eli L. Nunn. She was born Aug. 22, 1873. His address is Marion, Ky., R. F. D. 4.

4—Charles Henry Hughes was born March 8, 1878. He is not married. Occupation, a plumber. Address, Hotel Parkinson, 217½-219½, Main St., Oklahoma City, Okla.

5—Fred Gilbert Hughes was born June 12, 1882. On Aug. 10, 1910, he married Miss Nell Cardwell at 28 W. Park Place, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He has been a locomotive engineer. He is now engaged as a mechanic in the manufacture of steam engines, gasoline engines, &c.

6—Carrie Hughes was born Aug. 8, 1884. She is unmarried, and is engaged in the millinery business in Paducah, Ky.

7—Curtis Gray Hughes was born Oct. 22, 1887. He is a bookkeeper at the wholesale hardware house of W. B. Belknap & Co., Louisville, Ky. Address, 618, South Sixth St., Louisville, Ky. He is not married.

b—Mary Catharine Hughes, daughter of Leander Hughes, was born Sept. 6, 1845., and died in Dallas, Texas, March 18, 1910. On June 29, 1864, she married Thomas Lee Herndon Dickerson, who was born Aug. 24, 1838, and died in Dallas, Texas, Dec. 7, 1881. He was a son of Dr. Thomas Jefferson Dickerson, of Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. Dickerson was a brick layer and contractor. About the year 1878, he moved from Crittenden Co., Ky., to Dallas, Texas, where he spent the remainder of his life. Their children are 8, as follows:

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|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1—Tamesia Catharine. | 5—Mary Ellen.     |
| 2—Thomas Jefferson.  | 6—Maggie.         |
| 3—Henry Clifton.     | 7—Sallie.         |
| 4—Nora Lincoln.      | 8—Marion Estelle. |

1—Tamesia Catharine Dickerson was born at Marion, Kentucky, March 9, 1865. On October 27, 1906, she married Percy LeRoy Johnson, a painter. Address 529, Main St., Dallas, Texas.

2—Thomas Jefferson Dickerson was born Feb. 16, 1867. He married Mabel Reece Aug. 27, 1891. Occupation, stage comedian.

3—Henry Clifton Dickerson was born April 30, 1869. He married Mollie Adams Jan. 9, 1887. Profession, stage comedian.

These two brothers stand high in their profession. They are in constant demand, and receive high salaries. Being constantly on the road, it is not easy to fix a definite address for them, but mail addressed to Dixon, Burk & Dixon, care of New York Clipper, New York City, will always reach them.

4—Nora Lincoln Dickerson was born at Marion, Ky., Sept. 8, 1871. She married Robert Lee Hardwick Oct. 26, 1891. Occupation, a locomotive engineer. Address 916, Main St., Dallas, Texas.

5—Mary Ellen Dickerson was born at Marion, Ky., Dec. 29, 1873. She married Alvie Edward Brown Dec. 21, 1902. Address Dallas, Texas, the same address as her sister Nora Lincoln.

6—Maggie Dickerson was born at Marion, Ky., April 8, 1876. She married Pollard Ramsey March 4, 1893. Address not learned.

7—Sallie Dickerson was born July 30, 1878. She married Allen Howell July 3, 1896. He is a cattle dealer. Address 773, Elm St., Dallas, Texas.

8—Marion Estelle Dickerson was born Feb. 10, 1882, and died May 1st, 1882.

c—Leander Hughes was born April 1, 1848. On April 11, 1869, he married Fannie Dulcena Gilbert, a daughter of

Michael G. Gilbert. She was born Nov. 2, 1852. He is a farmer. About 1884 he moved from Crittenden Co., Ky., to Texas, and has resided in that State ever since. His present address is Stephenville, Texas, and I think that has been his address during all his residence in that State. He is a prosperous cotton farmer. The children are 6, as follows:

1—Mattie Ammer.

4—Gordon.

2—Kittie.

5—Lillie May.

3—Mollie.

6—Rosa Lee.

1—Mattie Ammer Hughes was born March 25, 1870, and died June 10, 1888.

2—Kittie Hughes was born May 22, 1872. She married Joshua Saul White Dec. 22, 1897. Address Stephenville, Texas, R. F. D. 5.

3—Mollie Hughes was born June 26, 1874. She married James Edgar Chenault Aug. 22, 1893. Address Stephenville, Texas, R. F. D. 2.

4—Gordon Hughes was born Aug. 3, 1876. He is not married. Address, Camp Crook, Hardin Co., South Dakota.

5—Lillie May Hughes was born Oct. 16, 1880. She married James Edgar Whitefield March 25, 1905. Address Stephenville, Texas, R. F. D. 5.

6—Rosa Lee Hughes was born Sept. 20, 1894. She is not married.

d—Martha Ellen Hughes was born Sept. 8, 1850. On October 20, 1869, she married James William Bigham, a lawyer, who was born May 7, 1844. Mr. Bigham is a son of Harvey W. Bigham, who was the first County Court Clerk, and Circuit Court Clerk of Crittenden County, holding both offices at the same time, and James W. was the first white child born in Marion, the new county-seat. James' mother was Sarah J. Rice, a daughter of William Rice, and a cousin to Rev. Nathan L. Rice, D. D., the Presbyterian minister that engaged in the famous debate with Alexander Campbell. At that debate Henry Clay presided.



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AND GRANDDAUGHTER,  
MILDRED LEANDER SWOOPE HUGHES



Harvey W. Bigham and Sarah J. Rice married March 28, 1832. Harvey W. was a son of James and Sarah F. Bigham, and was born July 25, 1806, and died Dec. 5, 1849, in New Orleans, La., from injuries received in the explosion of the Steamer Louisiana on which he was a passenger. His wife, Sarah J. Rice, was born June 22, 1818, and died June 16, 1846.

James W. Bigham, as already stated, was at the time of his marriage with Martha Ellen Hughes, a lawyer, but soon afterward abandoned that profession for the pulpit, and for a quarter of a century or more was regarded as one of the ablest ministers of the M. E. Church, South, in Kentucky. His present address is Ocala, Florida. The children of this marriage have been 11, as follows:

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1—Harvey Hughes.   | 6—Emma Owen.        |
| 2—Lula Ellen.      | 7—James Alexander.  |
| 3—Harriet G.       | 8—Nina Belle.       |
| 4—Minta.           | 9—James Messic.     |
| 5—Sarah Catharine. | 10—Pauline Eleanor. |
| 11—Carrie Dennett. |                     |

1—Harvey Hughes Bigham was born Sept. 14, 1870, and died unmarried Sept. 17, 1897.

2—Lula Ellen Bigham was born July 3, 1872, and died July 31, 1877.

3—Harriet G. Bigham was born May 8, 1874. She married a man named Hester. I regret that I have not been able to obtain any further facts concerning Mr. Hester.

4—Minta Bigham was born April 6, 1876, and died Sept. 8, 1877.

5—Sarah Catharine Bigham was born July 1, 1878, and died Sept. 11, 1897.

6—Emma Owen Bigham was born Dec. 17, 1880, and died August, 1901.

7—James Alexander Bigham was born Dec. 15, 1883, and died July 18, 1884.

8—Nina Belle Bigham was born June 6, 1886. She married Glenn B. Skipper, who is assistant Postmaster



at Bartow, Florida. His father E. E. Skipper is Postmaster at that place, and is a wealthy land and cattle owner, and very prominent in the affairs of the State.

9—James Messic Bigham was born Oct. 20, 1887.

10—Pauline Eleanor Bigham was born May 27, 1889.

11—Carrie Dennett Bigham was born Jan. 31, 1892.

For the three last I have received no information beyond that given above.

e—Araminta or Mintie Hughes, a beautiful, bright and exemplary girl, died unmarried in 1875, at about the age of 22.

f—Maggie Hughes was born May 1, 1858. She married John Smith James, a son of Berry James, and a grand-son of Daniel James, on Dec. 16, 1877. John Smith's mother was a Miss Hoggard. He was born Nov. 20, 1858. Maggie died May 1, 1905.

Since the death of Maggie, Mr. James has made his home mainly with his oldest daughter. He has been a saw mill man pretty much all his life, and a most exemplary citizen. His children are 3, all daughters, as follows:

1—Lela.                      2—Ruby.                      3—Pearle.

1—Lela James was born Oct. 15, 1881. She married Albert M. Henry Jan. 11, 1904. Mr. Henry is engaged in the marble cutting and fluor spar business. Address Marion, Kentucky.

2—Ruby James was born Nov. 13, 1886. She is not married, and lives with her sister Lela.

3—Pearle James was born March 31, 1889. On July 31, 1910, she married Harry Boyd Joiner, who travels for the Chicago Portrait Company, in which he is a stockholder. His home address is Chicago, Illinois.

g—Charlie Hughes, youngest child of Leander and Catharine Hughes, was born Feb. 17, 1864. On Oct. 25, 1882, she married George Sylvester Sherrill, who was born Aug. 8, 1860. They married in Crittenden Co., Ky., but some two years later went to Texas, and settled near Stephenville, Erath County, where he has ever since been engaged in farming, and has prospered well. Ad-



dress Stephenville, Texas, R. F. D. 5. Their children are 7, as follows:

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|------------------|------------------|
| 1—Ethel Lee.     | 4—Roscoe Hayden. |
| 2—Minta Ellen.   | 5—Harvey Bigham. |
| 3—Jessie.        | 6—Henry Clifton. |
| 7—Charley Waldo. |                  |

1—Ethel Lee Sherrill was born Aug. 12, 1883, and died April 17, 1905. She was not married.

2—Minta Ellen Sherrill was born Feb. 28, 1885. She married Edgar Goodman Oct. 8, 1903. He died June 19, 1905. Minta Ellen died Jan. 28, 1907.

3—Jessie Sherrill was born Jan. 15, 1887. She married David Edgar Alexander Feb. 18, 1905. Occupation, farmer. Address, Dublin, Texas, R. F. D. 6.

4—Roscoe Hayden Sherrill was born Feb. 8, 1889. On August 23, 1908, he married Annie Bell Hendrix, who was born June 18, 1886. Roscoe's occupation is a farmer. Address, Krum, Denton Co., Texas.

5—Harvey Bigham Sherrill was born Dec. 5, 1891.

6—Henry Clifton Sherrill was born May 30, 1893.

7—Charley Waldo Sherrill was born July 20, 1897.

8—Leonard Fretwell Hughes was the youngest child of Leander Hughes, Sr., and his first wife, Elizabeth (Fretwell) Hughes. Unfortunately I have been unable to obtain the date of his birth, but it is safe to assume that he was born in 1814 or '15. He was born in Smith County, Tennessee. He was twice married. His first wife was Lucy Paris, a daughter of Obadiah Paris, Sr., whom he married in Smith Co., Tennessee, about 1841. She died in Crittenden County, Ky., in 1851 or '52. A year or so after the death of his first wife he married Mary Jane McClusky in Crittenden Co., Ky. Both he and his second wife died in the fall of 1887. He was always a farmer, frugal, honest and prosperous. His children that survived the age of early childhood were 6, as follows:

First wife:

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|--------------------|---------------|--------------|
| a—Judith Lea.      | b—John James. | c—Elizabeth. |
| d—William Leonard. | e—Hezekiah.   |              |

Second wife: f—Susan Jane.

a—Judith Lea died just as she was reaching the age of young womanhood.

b—John James Hughes has always been a farmer. He has been married four times. His first wife was Martha Ann Dejarnatt, a daughter of James F. and Susan Dejarnatt, whom he married in 1865. He married his second wife in 1872. She was his cousin, Fannie Allison, a daughter of Moses and Elizabeth (Hughes) Allison. His third wife was Josephine Dollins; and his fourth was Mrs. Harriet Paris, widow of Obadiah (Dick) Paris, and a daughter of Byrd Clark, and a sister of Rev. James Riley Clark. She survives. His address is Marion, Ky. He is a prosperous and most exemplary citizen. There have been no children born of the last two marriages. Of the two first they are 6, as follows:

First wife:

1—James Albert.                      2—William Harvey.

Second wife:

3—John Henry.                      5—Lonnie Melvin.  
4—Robert Hatten.                  6—Charles Leonard.

1—James Albert Hughes married Alice Harrington. He was a farmer, has been dead several years.

2—William Harvey Hughes married Rosella Wilson, a daughter of Joseph T. and Martha (Paris) Wilson. Present address, Stranton, Colorado.

3—John Henry Hughes married Linnie Ashley. Occupation, a farmer and painter. Address Marion, Ky.

4—Robert Hatten Hughes married Lula Rushing. Occupation, farmer and teamster. Address, Marion, Ky.

5—Lonnie Melvin Hughes married Amanda Clark, a daughter of Lemuel Clark. Occupation, a farmer. Address, Marion, Ky.

6—Charles Leonard Hughes married Maud Crayne. Occupation, a farmer. Address, Marion, Ky.

c—Elizabeth Hughes married James Carrick Mayes, a son of Alexander Mayes. He was a carpenter. Elizabeth died about 1877 or '78. James died several years ago.

The children of this marriage were 4:

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1—William Leonard.    | 3—Lucy Jane.         |
| 2—James Henry (Dick). | 4—Nannie Judith Lea. |

1—William Leonard Mayes married Elizabeth Bradley, a daughter of James Bradley. William was a carpenter, a very industrious and exemplary young man. He died early in life. He married and spent his entire married life in Crittenden Co., Ky.

2—James Henry (Dick) Mayes married Mary Ellen Hughes, a daughter of William Leonard and Letitia (Hunt) Hughes. They are cousins. James Henry is a farmer. Address, Marion, Ky.

3—Lucy Jane Mayes married Cas Logan Fralick. Address, Marion, Ky.

4—Nannie Judith Lea Mayes married Hosea Clifton Paris. Occupation, a farmer. Address, Marion, Ky.

d—William Leonard Hughes married Letitia Hunt, a daughter of John (Jack) Hunt and his wife Polly (Paris) Hunt. William Leonard is a very successful, well-to-do farmer, living on a good farm about two miles north-east of Marion, Ky., which is his P. O. address. The children of this marriage are 6, as follows:

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|-------------------|----------------|
| 1—William Henry.  | 4—Lucy Jane.   |
| 2—Mary Ellen.     | 5—John Wyatt.  |
| 3—Martha Frances. | 6—Effie Perry. |

1—William Henry Hughes married Martha Ellen Paris, a daughter of W. F. and Pauline (Crayne) Paris. He is a farmer. Address, Marion, Ky.

2—Mary Ellen Hughes married James Henry Mayes, a well-to-do farmer, whose address is Marion, Ky.

3—Martha Frances Hughes married John Moore Baker, a son of A. J. Baker and Mahala (Moore) Baker, a successful farmer. Address, Marion, Ky.

4—Lucy Jane Hughes married Josiah Johnson Hunt, a farmer. Address, Marion, Ky.

5—John Wyatt Hughes.

6—Effie Perry Hughes.

If either of the two last is married I am not advised of the fact.

e—Hezekiah Hughes married Mary Elizabeth Baker, a daughter of Andrew Jackson and Mahala (Moore) Baker. He is a very successful farmer, an earnest and useful member of the Baptist church, a most estimable citizen. His address is Marion, Ky. The children of this marriage are 7, as follows:

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|------------------|--------------------|
| 1—Lucy Minerva.  | 4—Ida May.         |
| 2—Albert Newton. | 5—Clarence Edward. |
| 3—Alfred Lexa.   | 6—John Elliot.     |
| 7—Homer Yandell. |                    |

1—Lucy Minerva (Minnie) Hughes married Newton Walker Paris, a son of Louis H. and Sallie (Walker) Paris. He was a farmer and teacher. He was for several years employed in the U. S. Internal Revenue service as Storekeeper-Gauger. He was born May 14, 1870, and died in Louisville, Ky., Jan. 22, 1909. He was a member of the Crescent Hill Baptist church, Louisville, at the time of his death. He had been ordained or liberated to preach, but had not entered actively into the ministry. He was a very excellent man. His widow's address is Oneid, Ky.

2—Albert Newton Hughes married Millie Gant. He is somewhere in the Northwest. Address not known.

3—Alfred Lexa is married, but the name of his wife is not known except that her first name is Mary. Address unknown.

4—Ida May Hughes married Francis Martin Hill, a son of Robert Hill, a farmer. Address, Marion, Ky.

5—Clarence Edward Hughes is married, but I am not advised as to his wife's name except that her first name is Bertie. Address not known.

6—John Elliot Hughes not married.

7—Homer Yandell Hughes not married.

f—Susan Jane, youngest child of Leonard F. and Mary Jane (McClusky) Hughes, married Henry Sylvester Wheeler, a son of Clark and Caroline (Ragsdale) Wheeler.

Henry is a farmer and carpenter, and a member of the Presbyterian church, in which he is an active worker. He owns good property near the eastern limits of Marion, Ky., which is his address. Their children are 7, as follows:

1—Nona.

4—Myrtle.

2—Nannie.

5—Nellie.

3—Charles Henry.

6—Mina.

7—Walter Price.

1—Nona Wheeler has married twice. Her first husband was Charles Morgan. Her second and present husband is Thomas Lamb. Address, Marion, Ky.

2—Nannie Wheeler married Alonzo Agee, a farmer. Address, Seldon, Kansas.

3—Charles Henry Wheeler married Alice Gardenhire of Carthage, Tenn. Her father is a lawyer, but I can not give his first name. Charles' occupation is telephone manager. His present or last known address is Cynthiana, Ky.

4—Myrtle Wheeler married Luther Calvin Gass, a farmer. Address, Marion, Ky.

5—Nellie Wheeler married Robert Agee, a farmer. Address, Marion, Ky.

6—Mina Wheeler has married twice. Her first husband was Claude Cruce, a son of George Cruce and a grand-son of Ewell Cruce. Claude and Mina, after their marriage, went to Kansas, where Claude shortly afterwards died. Mina returned to Marion, Ky. Since her return she has married Alvin Hill Allen, a son of Ben. I. Allen. Address, Marion, Ky.

7—Walter Price Wheeler is unmarried and still in school.

## CHAPTER VIII.

9—John James Hughes, the writer's father, oldest son of Leander Hughes, Sr., and his second wife, Rebecca (Bell) Hughes, was born at the parental home in Smith Co., Tenn., June 15, 1817. He died at his home about one mile south of Marion, Ky., on the Princeton road, on the night of March 10, 1901, lacking from that date to June 15 of being 84 years old. On Feb. 23, 1843, he married Susan or Susannah Gass, a daughter of Joseph and Nancy (Boze) Gass, in Smith Co., Tenn. She was born in Smith Co., Tenn., Sept. 9, 1822. Father was a farmer, carpenter, millwright and miller and for a short time a merchant. The carpenter's trade was his specialty.

At the time of their marriage my parents settled on a farm on what is known as Paris Branch, father having purchased the farm from his brother, Richard Powell Hughes. In 1848, he sold this place, and moved across the Caney Fork, and built a house on the farm of his father-in-law, to be used as a country store, and in that house he sold goods, mainly groceries, and at the same time ran a farm, and, also, a ferry across Caney Fork, from November, 1849, to March, 1851, when he sold out his stock of goods at public auction, and moved to Crittenden Co., Ky. He rented a small two-story log house with a clearing of two acres entirely surrounded by woods on all sides. The place was about one-half mile east of Marion on the Providence road. It is now in the suburbs of Marion. The place then belonged to John Swansey. The house completely disappeared more than 50 years ago.

The family remained there till the following September (1851) when both my parents became dissatisfied and moved back to Smith Co., Tenn., and my father bought a small farm, cut off from my grand-father Gass' posses-



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AND GRANDNIECE.  
MILDRED LEANDER SWOOPE HUGHES





sions, the part so purchased including the store-house in which father had sold goods a short time before, and which he fitted up for a residence. Here he remained, working the little farm and conducting the ferry, and plying his trade as a carpenter, all with the help of a hired man, till the fall of 1852, when he bought from his nephew, Americus Paris, a half interest in the water mill, at that time generally known as Baker's mill, George Baker being the owner of the other half-interest, which my father bought a year or so later. The entire purchase included about 18 acres of land. In March, 1856, the mill was swept away in a freshet. It was the third or fourth mill that had been washed away from that site. Father rebuilt, giving the new building a solid stone foundation. This mill stood for about 50 years. It was on Mulherrin's Creek about one mile above its mouth. In 1860, my father sold his mill and small tract of land to John and Robert Webb, and in March of that year, moved again to Crittenden Co., Ky., and bought a farm of 150 acres from Jesse Baird, and settled upon it. In 1865 he bought an adjoining farm of about the same area from the widow Amy Collins. These two farms lie about two miles south-east of Marion, on the old Princeton, or Piney Fork road. This property has been cut up into several tracts and is owned by different parties, my brother, Winfield Scott Hughes, owning and occupying the part that includes the buildings where my father first settled.

In 1873, my father, together with his son Ira and son-in-law Thos. N. James, bought a farm of about 200 acres from Rev. Isaac McMurry, on the Princeton road about  $1\frac{1}{4}$  miles south from the court-house at Marion. Father afterwards bought out the other two interests.

On that farm my parents spent the remainder of their lives. My Mother died there on Sunday, July 16, 1899, and father on the night of Sunday, March 10, 1901. The farm now belongs to A. J. Baker.

Their children were 11, as follows:

a—William Joseph Leander.	f—James Bridges.	} Twins
b—Isaac Goodall.	g—Samuel Bridgewater	
c—Ira Campbell.	h—Nancy Bell.	
d—Winfield Scott.	i—John McLaren.	
e—Hardy Boze.	j—George Warren Sumpter.	
k—Ulyses Grant.		

a—William Joseph Leander Hughes was born in Smith Co., Tenn., March 23, 1844. As this is my own sketch I shall write in the first person.

In March, 1860, my father moved to Crittenden Co., Ky., and of course, took me with him. On March 23, 1864, my 20th birthday, I enlisted in Louisville, Ky., in Co. "C," 3rd Ky. Veteran Volunteer Cavalry, and was with Sherman's army to the close of the war. I was mustered for discharge at Lexington, North Carolina, July 15, 1865, and returned to Louisville, Ky., via Fortress Monroe and Baltimore, and was discharged at Louisville, Aug. 2, 1865, and returned home immediately.

During the two following years I worked on my father's farm, teaching three months in the fall of each year.

During the years 1868 and '69, I attended school at the Masonic Academy at New Middleton, Tenn. I returned home in January, 1870, and during that year and 1871, I again worked on my father's farm, teaching in the fall. The public school term had by this time been extended to five months. On May 8, 1872, I married Malinda Ann Rice, a daughter of Watson Buchanan Rice and his wife, Susan (Wheeler) Rice. Watson B. Rice was a son of Patrick Henry Rice, who was either a first or second cousin to Rev. Nathan L. Rice, D. D., the Presbyterian divine that engaged in the memorable doctrinal debate with Dr. Alexander Campbell in the old Main Street Christian Church in Lexington, Ky., in 1837. Henry Clay presided as Moderator at that debate.

Patrick Henry Rice's children appear to have been 4, as follows:

1—Eliza B., born Sept. 26, 1809, and died unmarried.

2—Thurza E. Rice, birth date not known, died unmarried.

3—Watson Buchanan Rice, born Feb. 9, 1814. Died in 1851.

4—Amelia Russell Rice, born Feb. 8, 1816, and died May 31, 1885.

4—Amelia R. Rice married Eleazer Turner Williamson, who was born July 13, 1817. They married Aug. 27, 1839. Mr. Williamson lived in Kentucky till about 1852, when he moved to Hillsboro, Ills., where he remained till 1873. He then went to Iowa, and remained ten years, thence to Beadle Co., South Dakota, and after a residence there of 5 years, he went to Nebraska, where he died April 2, 1896.

The children of this marriage were as follows:

1—John H., born May 23, 1840, died Nov. 20, 1857.

2—Samuel F., born Jan. 20, 1842, died June 19, 1908.

3—Andrew M., born Oct. 6, 1843, died April 14, 1908.

4—Joseph F., born March 13, 1845, died April 20, 1855.

5—James H., born Dec. 24, 1846. Address, Shenandoah, Iowa.

6—Mary E., born April 15, 1849, died Jan. 6, 1854.

7—Watson Rice Williamson, born June 14, 1851. Address, West Union, Iowa.

Now, to return to Watson B. and Susan (Wheeler) Rice. I regret that I have not been able to obtain the name of Susan Wheeler's parents. She had a sister Jane Wheeler, that married Thomas Hughes, not related to us, who lived on a fine farm about 4 miles from Fredonia on the road to Princeton, Ky. I think the farm is still the property of his sons James and Frank. Mrs. Rice had a brother, Earl Wheeler, that went into the Confederate army, and nothing definite is known of his fate. He never married. She had another brother, whose first name I do not know. He had a son, Thomas Wheeler, that married a Miss Crouch, near Dycusburg, Ky. I think Mrs. Rice's mother was a Cruce.

The children of Watson B. and Susan Rice, that

survived the age of early childhood, were 5, as follows:

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|------------------|----------------|
| 1—Mary Jane.     | 3—Malinda Ann. |
| 2—Patrick Henry. | 4—John Earle.  |
| 5—Susan.         |                |

1—Mary Jane Rice was born March 24, 1837, and died March 20, 1898. She married Willis Smith Dollins Nov. 28, 1855. Mr. Dollins was born June 17, 1832, and died in Crittenden Co., Ky., in March, 1871, while preparing to move to Texas. He was an industrious and successful farmer. The children of this marriage were 5, as follows:

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|------------------|------------|
| a—Isabel.        | c—Charles. |
| b—Thomas Willis. | d—Nellie.  |
| e—Robert Earl.   |            |

a—Isabel, always called Bell, died unmarried at the age of about 22.

b—Thomas Willis Dollins is unmarried. At latest advices he was somewhere in the State of Washington.

c—Charles died unmarried just after reaching the age of manhood.

d—Nellie is not married. Address, Marion, Ky.

e—Robert Earl Dollins was born March 1, 1869. On Feb. 15, 1888, he married Laura Ann Wilson, who was born Nov. 26, 1866. She is a daughter of Robert Lysander Wilson, who was born April 13, 1836. Her mother was George Ann Travis, a daughter of Daniel Travis, and was born Aug. 1, 1846. Robert Lysander Wilson and his wife George Ann married Jan. 11, 1866. George Ann's father, Daniel Travis, was born Aug. 13, 1810. Robert L. Wilson's father was Francis Travis Wilson, born Feb. 19, 1803. Robert E. and George Ann Dollins have 8 children, as follows:

- 1—Nonie, born Aug. 15, 1891.
- 2—Willis Lysander, born Jan. 26, 1896.
- 3—Fred, born April 8, 1897.
- 4 & 5—Ina and Ima, twins, born May 17, 1900.
- 6—Ruth, born March 15, 1903, died Oct. 21, 1904.
- 7—Robert Fulton, born March 12, 1906.
- 8—George Ann, born Oct. 31, 1908.

2—Patrick Henry Rice married Sarah McCarty in 1865. He was a farmer. He died in March, 1870, leaving 2 children, as follows:

a—William Watson. b—Mary Jane.

a—William Watson Rice was born Sept. 16, 1866. He married Mrs. Maggie Henson, widow of Samuel Henson, and a daughter of William H. Cardin. She was born March 11, 1863. There was a daughter of her first marriage, named Emma Pearl Henson, that married William Thomas James, a nephew of the writer. The children of William Watson Rice and his wife, Maggie, are as follows:

1—Margaret, born Sept. 9, 1891.

2—Mary Alice, born in 1892, and died Jan. 29, 1896.

3—William Henry, born Sept. 21, 1894.

4—Ollie James, born Sept. 8, 1896.

5—William Crawford, born June 14, 1899.

6—Sarah Catharine, born Aug. 2, 1902.

7—Allen Daughtry, born Aug. 1, 1902.

The above record contains all the names sent me by W. W. Rice; but it appears to me that there is one more child.

b—Mary Jane Rice was born Jan. 11, 1868. On June 12, 1898, she married William Cooper Robinson in Paducah, Ky. Mr. Robinson was born Nov. 23, 1870. His paternal grand-father was named Michael Robinson, and was born in Tennessee. His wife was Lucinda Lowery. His son, Daniel Tucker Robinson, was born in Sumner Co., Tenn., Jan. 7, 1842. The last named was the father of William Cooper Robinson, the subject of this sketch. William Cooper's mother was Anna Valeria Hammons, a daughter of Cooper Bennett Hammons, who was born in Georgia April 1, 1814. Anna V. married Daniel T. Robinson Dec. 31, 1868, in Saline Co., Ills. Their children were 7, as follows:

1—Cordia Lary, born Oct. 29, 1869, in Carmi, Ills.

2—William Cooper, born Nov. 23, 1870, in Gallatin Co., Ills.

3—Allan Floyd, born July 31, 1872, in Gallatin Co., Ills.

4—Maggie May, born Aug. 26, 1875, in Hamilton Co., Ills., and died Jan. 25, 1896.

5—Mary Ellen, born Feb. 24, 1878, in Hamilton Co., Ills., died May 30, 1902.

6—Eva Ann, born Oct. 10, 1879, in Dahlgreen, Ills.

7—Henry Arthur, born June 18, 1883, in Jefferson Co., Ills. Died May 30, 1900.

William Cooper Robinson and his wife, Mary Jane, always called Jennie, reside at Nashville, Tenn., address R. F. D. 7, Station B. Mr. Robinson is in the employ of the T. C. railroad. They have 1 child, a son, named Floyd Arthur Robinson, born at Franklin, Ky., March 21, 1899.

3—Malinda Ann Rice, was born Nov. 14, 1844, and died in Marion, Ky., Nov. 30, 1880. As already stated she became my wife May 8, 1872. Her only child will be mentioned later.

4—John Earl Rice died unmarried in Marion, Ky., in August, 1879.

5—Susan Rice died unmarried in December, 1867.

After my marriage in 1872, I settled down on a tract of land that I had purchased in the woods with a small clearing and a log cabin on it, and went to work, and pretty laborious work it was, to transform that piece of wilderness into a home. The place is now the property and home of Obadiah Hunt. After one year, the Sheriff of the county, James H. Cameron, offered to appoint me as his deputy on condition that I would assume the entire duties of the office. I accepted. That was in April, 1873. In June, 1874, the Sheriff resigned. I meantime, at the solicitation of my friends, had become a candidate for the office of Circuit Court Clerk, to which office I was elected on the first Monday in August, 1874, for a term of six years, and entered upon the duties of the office the following Monday. During the term my health became impaired, and I declined to make the race for a second term.

My wife died on Nov. 30, after my retirement from office in August, 1880; and a little more than a year later,



on Dec. 19, 1881, I married Willie Bell Yelton, a daughter of John Pinkney and Mary Yelton, of New Middleton, Tenn. John Pinkney Yelton's father was Charles Henson Yelton, who was reared in Lynchburg, Va. His mother's maiden name was Susan Rodgers, also reared in Virginia.

The children of Charles Henson and Susan Yelton were 9, as follows:

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| 1—William.       | 5—Benjamin.       |
| 2—Barnett Cash.  | 6—Wilbourn Swift. |
| 3—Charles Lewis. | 7—Lydia.          |
| 4—John Pinkney.  | 8—Sallie.         |
| 9—Mary.          |                   |

It is not probable that the above arrangement, taken as a whole, is in the order of the ages of the members of this family, though, if I understand the facts, the sons are in the order of their ages, and the daughters in the order of theirs.

I am not advised as to the marriage connections of any except that of my father-in-law, John Pinkney, who married Mary Lea, a daughter of John and Rebecca Lea.

John Pinkney Yelton has been a very successful farmer and live stock dealer. For a long number of years his specialty was buying and driving horses and mules to the Southern states, from which business he derived a good profit. He once held the office of County Court Clerk of Smith County, Tenn. His wife died in 1897, since which time he has not been regularly engaged in any business. He makes his home with his son-in-law, James W. Turner, at Willett, Macon County, Tenn. He is 88 years old. His children have been 7, as follows:

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| a—Robert Gray.      | d—Martha Miranda.  |
| b—Benjamin Jackson. | e—Margaret Luella. |
| c—Mary Lea.         | f—Jennie Poteet.   |
| g—Willie Bell.      |                    |

a—Robert Gray Yelton married Letitia Tuggle. He is a very successful farmer. He lives on an excellent farm about 3 miles east of Lebanon, Tenn. The children of this marriage have been 4, as follows:

1—Nora, married Joseph Barbee.

2—Hueskah, married, and soon after died. I once knew the name of his wife, but I have forgotten it.

3—I am not advised as to Baxter.

4—Eulalia, is married, but I have not the name of her husband. I think she lives in St. Louis, Mo.

b and e—Benjamin Jackson and Margaret Luella died in childhood.

c—Mary Lea Yelton, married James Wilson Turner. He has been a farmer and merchant. He now, I think runs a flouring mill at Willett, Tenn. The children of this marriage are 2, as follows:

1—Edward Exum Turner, married Bessie Jones.

2—Gray Yelton Turner, married Rebecca Davis.

d—Martha Miranda Yelton, was born Dec. 14, 1856. On Dec. 23, 1873, she married James Francis Turner, who was born Jan. 28, 1854. James F. and James W. are not related. James F. Turner was a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was also a very able educator. He and his wife taught together, and she taught after his death. He died Dec. 30, 1885. Mrs. Turner's address is Gordonsville, Tenn., where for a number of years, she held the position of postmistress. The children of this marriage were 6, as follows:

1—James Frances.

4—Wilbur Foss.

2—John Hugh.

5—Bessie Lee.

3—Mary C.

6—Martha Elsie.

1—James Frances Turner, Jr., was born Jan. 31, 1875. On Jan. 10, 1900, he married Cora Coulson. Their children are 3, as follows:

a—Cora Frances, born Nov. 8, 1903.

b—Sarah Martha, born Aug. 15, 1905.

c—Kathlene, born Dec. 13, 1907.

2—John Hugh Turner was born March 24, 1876. On Nov. 14, 1907, he married Ruby Urquhart, of Mobile. Of this marriage there is 1 child, named Virginia. John Hugh is a lawyer, lives in Nashville, Tenn., where he has a large and lucrative practice.





JOHN FRANKLIN SWOOPE



3—Mary C. Turner, generally called Mamie, was born Jan. 13, 1878. On June 19, 1907, she married Albert Henry Key. No children reported.

4—Wilbur Foss Turner was born June 15, 1880, and died Oct. 18, 1886.

5—Bessie Lee Turner was born Aug. 29, 1882, and died Nov. 15, 1883.

6—Martha Elsie Turner was born Sept. 12, 1884. On Sept. 6, 1910, she was married to James Frederick Gwaltney, a son of John Gwaltney. He is postmaster at Gordonsville, Tenn.

f—Jennie Poteet Yelton married James W. Clarke, a lawyer of Liberty, Tenn. In 1884, they moved to Great Bend, Kansas, where Mr. Clarke built up a splendid practice. He has served two or three terms as County Attorney of Barton County. Jennie died in 1897. Mr. Clarke has married again.

g—Willie Bell was married to me Dec. 19, 1881. Soon after my marriage with my second wife I engaged in the retail grocery business, later combining with it shoes, hats and hardware. In 1885, I sold out my business and went to Barton Co., Kansas, where I remained till November, 1891, when I moved to Arkansas City, Cowley Co., Kansas, where I remained one year; and in November, 1892, returned to Crittenden Co., Ky., arriving at Marion November 20. During my stay in Kansas I was engaged in farming and gardening. On my return to Kentucky I engaged in the same business, but taught a term in 1896, and again in 1898. My second wife died at Marion, Ky., Oct. 10, 1896.

In December, 1898, I received an appointment as Storekeeper-Gauger in the U. S. Internal Revenue service for the Second Revenue district of Kentucky. I went on duty under my first assignment at Worsham's distillery, now Kraver's, at Henderson on Jan. 1st, 1899. I have been continuously in the service ever since. The end of the present year (It is now November, 1910,) will complete my twelfth year.

On February 20, 1900, I married Mary Louise Swoope (pronounced Swope). She was born Jan. 12, 1864. She is a daughter of George William and Elizabeth Love (Patton) Swoope. Her father was a lawyer of marked ability. He was at his best as a criminal lawyer, but was good in all the departments of the legal practice. He was a Democrat, but was not a politician. I have not been informed of but two races that he ever made for office, in both of which he was opposed by men of his own political faith. One was for District Prosecuting Attorney, in which he was defeated. The other was for the State Senate in which he was elected. He was born at Falmouth, Pendleton Co., Ky., August 6, 1834, and died at the City Hospital in Owensboro, Ky., Sept. 25, 1903. His father was Samuel Franklin Swoope, who was born in Bourbon Co., Ky., March 9, 1809, and about 1833 he moved to Falmouth, Ky., and entered upon the practice of the law, and was soon regarded as one of the ablest lawyers in his section. He represented Pendleton County in the lower house of the legislature three terms, and served one term in the State Senate. He represented the old Tenth Kentucky district in the lower House of Congress two terms, from 1855 to 1859. He was elected as an American Party man or Know-Nothing. During the Civil War he was an outspoken Union man. He died soon after the close of the Civil War. His wife was Louisa Cordelia Boston. Their children were 13, as follows:

1—Mary Catharine married William Field, a lawyer. She lives in St. Louis. Mr. Field has been dead many years.

2—George William married Elizabeth Love Patton.

3—Mildred died in childhood.

4—Elizabeth Frances died unmarried.

5—Henrietta Cordelia died unmarried.

6—Martha Ann married Ashel Clark.

7—Charles Temple married Lucy Abernathy. He was a commissioned officer in the Union army.

8—Etha Linda married William N. Maull, address 802, Washington St., Louisville, Ky.

9—Douglas Patterson is not married. Address, Edwardsville, Mo.

10—Sydney died in childhood.

11—Alva married Frank Watkins.

12—Henry died in childhood.

13—Edgar died when 2 or 3 years old.

My wife's mother, who before her marriage, was Elizabeth Love Patton, is a daughter of Major John Poinc Patton, whose wife was Julia Ann Anderson, a daughter of Claiborn and Elizabeth (Knight) Anderson. All these people lived in Mason Co., Ky. Major Patton's children were 3, as follows:

1—Thomas Claiborn.

2—Amanda.

3—Elizabeth Love.

1—Thomas Claiborn Patton died when 18 months old.

2—Amanda Patton married John L. Chiles. Her present address is Falmouth, Ky. Her husband died about 40 years ago.

3—Elizabeth Love Patton, as already twice stated, married George William Swoope. She lives with me and my wife at 1210, St. Ann St., Owensboro, Ky. There were born to her marriage with George W. Swoope, 4 children, as follows:

1—Mary Louise, my wife.

2—John Franklin, always called Jack, address, Evansville, Ind., R. F. D. No. 11, Park Heights. He is in the employ of the L. & N. R. R.

3—Amanda Etha, died at the age of 17.

4—George William died from a kick by a horse when about 18 months old.

My children have been 6, as follows:

First wife: 1—Maude.

Second wife:

2—Roy Yelton.

4—Claude.

3—Earl.

5—Earl Claude.

Third wife:

6—Mildred Leander Swoope.

1—Maude Hughes is not married. She has lived in Nashville several years. She works at the business of stenographer, typewriter and bookkeeper. Her address is Girls' Christian Home, 131, Fifth Avenue North, Nashville, Tenn. She is an active and a consistent member of the Baptist church, and a Sunday School teacher.

2—Roy Yelton Hughes was born in Marion, Ky., Sept. 19, 1882. On his 25th birthday, Sept. 19, 1907, he married Emma Elizabeth Hoffman, of New Ulm, Minn. She was born in Todd Co., Minn., Jan. 1, 1884. She is a daughter of John Louis Hoffman, who was born in Virginia May 26, 1855, but spent his earliest boyhood days in Baltimore, Maryland. When only about 7 years old he, with his parents, passed through the terrible ordeal of the Indian massacre at and around New Ulm in 1862. Mr. Hoffman's family took refuge in old Fort Ridgely, 19 miles north of New Ulm during that awful holocaust, and although the fort was almost shot to pieces, young Hoffman, with his father's family, escaped entirely uninjured.

On Sept. 25, 1876, John Louis Hoffman married Emma Mary Steinbach in New Ulm, Brown Co., Minn. Mrs. Hoffman was born at Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, February 16, 1856.

To this union have been born 14 children, of whom 13 are living, 7 sons and 6 daughters. Roy's wife, Emma Elizabeth, is one of the number. The family names of both of Emma's parents indicate German descent, and Emma is well versed in the language of that race. She speaks and writes German and English with equal fluency.

Roy is a very capable electrician, and works at that business, but has followed other pursuits. For a considerable time he traveled for the International Correspondence School at Scranton, Penn., during which time he traveled all over the Upper Mississippi and Missouri River country, with headquarters at different places. He has given considerable attention to invention. He and

his brother-in-law, Mr. Hoffman, have recently patented an automatic fire-alarm, and also what is known as the Hughes-Hoffman Key-ring pocket lock, for travelers. It can be manipulated only from the inside. Roy's address is Aberdeen, South Dakota.

The children of this marriage have been 2, as follows:

a—Yelton Leander, who was born at New Ulm, Minn., Nov. 4, 1908, and died at St. Luke's hospital in Aberdeen, S. D., Sept. 20, 1909.

b—Edward John Hughes was born in Aberdeen, South Dakota, April 26, 1910.

3—Earl Hughes was born in Marion, Ky., March 9, 1884, and died October 22, 1884.

4—Claud was born at Pawnee Rock, Kansas, Sept. 15, 1885, and died Sept. 17, 1886.

5—Earl Claud was born Oct. 2, 1887, and died Aug. 27, 1888.

6—Mildred Leander Swoope Hughes was born at 105, Maple Street, Owensboro, Ky., Oct. 12, 1901. She is in school, in the 4th grade, a good little student.

In response to a letter that I recently addressed to Capt. W. T. Ellis, an ex-member of Congress, and who for more than thirty years has ranked among the ablest members of the Owensboro bar, I received the following reply:

Owensboro, Ky., Nov. 3, 1910.

Hon. W. J. L. Hughes,

Owensboro, Ky.

My Dear Friend:

In answer to your letter of yesterday will say I was well acquainted with your wife's father, Honorable George William Swoope. I knew him for thirty-five years prior to the date of his death and was intimately associated with him at the Owensboro bar and had ample opportunity to know him, as a lawyer, a citizen and neighbor.

George W. Swoope was in his younger life a remarkably handsome and a highly cultured and accomplished man. He was a natural lawyer, and although never a dili-



gent student, he was one of the best practitioners of law I ever knew.

When I came to the bar in 1870 Mr. Swoope was in full practice; he was on one side or the other of every important civil suit, not only in the Daviess Circuit Court, but in the various courts of this Judicial district. As a criminal lawyer he had no superior and as a result of his skill and personal popularity he had a monopoly of the criminal practice. He was an orator of first-class ability. I have heard him deliver some of the most magnificent addresses to juries that I ever heard any lawyer deliver. If Mr. Swoope had applied himself diligently and had husbanded his resources he would have died a very rich man.

One of the most brilliant races ever made in this Judicial district was the race he made for Commonwealth's Attorney in 1867. He canvassed the district thoroughly, and although his opponent was a distinguished Confederate soldier, and although the district was overwhelmingly Southern in its sympathies, Mr. Swoope ran a remarkable race. His speeches throughout that campaign were not only an able presentation of the grounds on which he based his claim for election, but were a thorough and accurate discussion of the political issues then before the country. Mr. Swoope was a strong Southern sympathizer during the Civil War, though he was never in the army, and his discussion of the hardships to which Southern sympathizers who remained at home were subjected during the Civil War and the espionage which was set about them, was never so graphically described or thrillingly told either before or since that day.

One of the most exciting races in which Mr. Swoope was a candidate was his race for the State Senate, in which race his opponent was the Honorable Edwin Hawes, a man of great personal popularity and large family influences. The Senatorial district in which Mr. Swoope was a candidate was then composed of the counties of Daviess and Hancock. No race was ever made



which attracted so much public attention not only in the Senatorial district, but throughout the State. Mr. Swoope, although running against one of the best known, most influential and popular citizens of the district, was elected by a handsome majority. His services in the State Senate were alike honorable to himself and his district. He was a leader in the State Senate from the day he took his seat in that body to the last day of his services there.

After his race for the Senate he was never again a candidate for a political office, but confined himself to the practice of his profession.

In the courthouse Mr. Swoope was the most courteous, polite and affable lawyer who ever appeared at the Owensboro bar. His bearing toward the court and opposing counsel was at all times most affable and courteous.

It is doubtful if there has appeared within the last three-quarters of a century any lawyer at any bar in Kentucky who was the superior of George W. Swoope, especially in the practice of the criminal law. His influence with juries was simply something marvelous. He had the power not only to sway juries by his public addresses, but he had that faculty which made him one of the most popular men in this Judicial district. Mr. Swoope belonged to an excellent family of people, his father having been twice a member of Congress and a very distinguished and prominent citizen in the eastern part of Kentucky where he lived.

Yours truly,

W. T. ELLIS.

b—Isaac Goodall, second child of John James and Susan (Gass) Hughes, was born in Smith Co., Tenn., Oct. 28, 1845, and died at the same place, of measles in February, 1848.

c—Ira Campbell Hughes was born in Smith Co., Tenn., Sept. 9, 1847. He married Lucy Ann Jones, a daughter of James T. and Elizabeth Ann Jones, in Crittenden Co., Kentucky, May 4, 1873. She died in November, 1874, at the birth of her first child. In April or May, 1879, he

married Sallie Ann Carter, a daughter of Garland Carter. She died about 1887 or '88, and in 1890, he married Mallie Ann Mott, a daughter of James Mott, and a sister of Rev. William E. Mott.

Ira has always followed the business of farming. He lives about 3 miles east of Marion, Ky., on the I. C. railroad, which runs through his farm. Address, Marion, Ky. His children are 3 in number, as follows:

First wife: 1—James Lacy.

Second wife:

2—Virgil Eletheridge. 3—Camilla Keturah.

There are no children of the third marriage.

1—James Lacy Hughes was born in Crittenden Co., Ky., Nov. 24, 1874. He married Cora May Fritts, a daughter of Josiah Franklin Fritts. Her mother was a Miss Elkins, a daughter of William Elkins. Cora was born in Crittenden Co., Ky., Feb. 28, 1878. They live in Paducah, Ky., and Lacy is a machine operator in the planing mill department of the car repair shops of the Illinois Central R. R. Address, C. O. I. C. Shops, Paducah, Ky. They had 1 child, Verbaltee, born Dec. 18, 1905. Died April 24, 1906.

2—Virgil Eletheridge Hughes was born in Crittenden Co., Ky., in 1881. He is unmarried. He is a farmer, an industrious and steady young man. I think his address is Marion, Ky.

3—Camilla Keturah Hughes married Moses Lanham. He was killed in a railroad accident a few months ago. Camilla lives with her father. One child, a son named Carroll Gray, was born to this marriage.

d—Winfield Scott Hughes was born in Smith Co., Tenn., Aug. 22, 1849. He is a farmer and carpenter. He married his cousin Mary Elizabeth Alison, a daughter of Moses and Elizabeth (Hughes) Alison. Address, Marion, Ky. No children.

e—Hardy Boze Hughes was born in Crittenden Co., Ky., June 27, 1851. He married Ianthia Gill, a daughter of James Francis and Adeline (Lynn) Gill, in June, 1872.



STERLING BERNARD HUGHES, STANDING,  
AND BROTHER, MADISON PETER, SITTING



He was a farmer and worked at the carpenter's trade some. He was remarkable for his industry and morality. He was a member of the Baptist church. He died June 16, 1875, leaving 1 child, named James Francis, born March 22, 1873. A posthumous child was born Sept. 24, 1875, and named Hardy Boze. This last child died Oct. 23, 1878. The older son, James Francis married Eva Lena McCandless, who was born Feb. 25, 1871. They married Dec. 23, 1894. He has always been a farmer. Address Bayou, Ky. To this union have been born 2 children, as follows:

1—Vela.

2—Junie Euline.

1—Vela Hughes, born and died Oct. 9, 1895.

2—Junie Euline Hughes was born June 9, 1907.

f—James Bridges	} Twins were born in Smith Co., Tenn., Jan. 6, 1854.
g—Samuel Bridgewater	

f—James Bridges Hughes married Henrie Grissom, a daughter of Alexander and Rebecca (Shoemaker) Grissom, in 1876. He has been a farmer, but for 20 years has been a carpenter, painter, paper hanger, &c. Address, Marion, Ky. There has been born to this marriage 1 child, Seldon Hughes, who was born about the year 1877. He is not married. He is a printer, and works steadily at his trade. He makes his home with his parents in Marion, Ky.

g—Samuel Bridgewater Hughes, a twin brother of the preceding, was born Jan. 6, 1854. He married Margaret Emily Flanary, a daughter of James Fidella and Mary Jane Flanary, in Crittenden Co., Ky. He has been a farmer and carpenter. Address Sykeston, Mo. They have 1 child, a daughter, named Ina May. She is unmarried.

h—Nancy Bell Hughes was born in Smith Co., Tenn., March 23, 1856. She married Thomas Nathaniel James, a son of Garry Spink or Spencer James, in Crittenden Co., Ky., May 1, 1872. He was a farmer. He was born Feb. 23, 1848, and died April 28, 1883. The widow now lives at Twenty-fifth and Jackson Sts., Paducah, Ky.

The children of this marriage are 4, as follows:

1—Susan Brittanina.

3—John Lacy.

2—William Thomas.

4—Walter Samuel.

1—Susan Brittanina James was born June 1, 1873. She married Leven Carr Perry, Dec. 24, 1890. He was born Feb. 26, 1863. He has followed various branches of the mercantile business. He is now employed as Night Foreman at the Street Car Barn. His address is 1032, South Eleventh Street, Paducah, Ky. The children of this marriage are 2, as follows:

a—Raymond Randolph. b—James Reginald.

a—Raymond Randolph Perry was born Nov. 15, 1892. He is a bright and promising boy 18 years old, with a marked predilection for business. He is now employed in the Illinois Central R. R. Shops in Paducah, Ky.

f—Little James Reginald Perry was born Sept. 16, 1905, and is several years younger than his brother, and of course little more can be expected of him yet than to be a good boy and study his lessons well.

2—William Thomas James was born Sept. 26, 1875. He married Emma Pearl Henson, a daughter of Samuel and Margaret (Cardin) Henson, Dec. 25, 1901. Pearl was born Aug. 19, 1881. He is a mechanic, and is employed in the car repairing department of the Illinois Central railroad shops in Paducah, Ky. Address, Twenty-eighth and Tennessee Sts., Paducah, Ky.

There is 1 child, a daughter, Lora Thelma, born Oct. 26, 1902.

3—John Lacy James was born March 16, 1878. He married Iturea Morgan, a daughter of William and Susan (Moss) Morgan. He is a mechanic, and works at the same place as his brother William Thomas. His wife died in 1905. He makes his home with his mother at Twenty-fifth and Jackson Sts., Paducah, Ky. He has 1 child, a son named Robert Lincoln, born June 9, 1902.

4—Walter Samuel James was born Sept. 26, 1880. He is not married. He has followed various pursuits, has been connected with the street car service in Memphis, Tenn., and has operated several pressing clubs in that

city. He now has a clerkship in the postoffice in Memphis. He is a most exemplary young man. His address is 747, Beale Street, Memphis, Tenn.

These three James boys were brought up on a farm and were taught to work from their childhood, but in the meantime they all obtained a good business education.

i—John McLaren (Mack) Hughes was born in Smith Co., Tenn., May 24, 1858. On March 19, 1890, he married Ida Olive Mott, a daughter of James Mott and a sister of Ira C. Hughes' wife, Mallie Ann. Ida Olive (Ollie) was born Jan. 17, 1869. Mack has followed the business of farming mainly, but also works at carpenter's trade, painting, &c. Address, Marion, Ky. Their children are 2, as follows:

1—Huston Hicks.      2—Zilpah Gertrude.

1—Huston Hicks Hughes was born Sept. 2, 1897.

2—Zilpah Gertrude was born June 8, 1901.

j—George Warren Sumpter Hughes was born in Crittenden Co., Ky., April 18, 1861. On June 15, 1892, he married Margaret Dorcas Sigler, who was born Aug. 5, 1871. She was a daughter of Francis U. and Margaret Ann Sigler. Her father was a Baptist minister. Farming was George's principal business through life, but for several years from about 1888 to '92 he was engaged in the mail and passenger transfer business from Marion to Princeton via Shady Grove and intermediate points. In cutting down a tree he was intsanly killed by the tree falling across his body, March 6, 1908. That was in Caldwell Co., Ky., near Shady Grove. His widow, Margaret Dorcas, lives in Caldwell Co., near Shady Grove, which is her address. The children of this marriage are 6, as follows:

1—Vera Dothan, born in Crittenden Co., Ky., April 16, 1893.

2—Ezra Carman, born in Caldwell Co., Ky., July 21, 1896.

3—Florence Bell, born in Caldwell Co., Ky., Dec. 15, 1897.

4—Eulalia Violet, born in Crittenden Co., Ky., Dec. 21, 1899.

5—Margaret Achilla, born in Crittenden Co., Ky., Jan. 31, 1903.

6—Georgie Thelma, born in Caldwell Co., Ky., Aug. 10, 1907.

1—Vera Dothan Hughes married Lee Franklin McDowell, a grand-son of Jesse McDowell.

k—Ulyses Grant Hughes was born in Crittenden Co., Ky., June 24, 1863. On May 15, 1902, he married Anna Lavinia Blackburn, a daughter of Rev. E. B. Blackburn, of Marion, Ky. Anna was born March 3, 1879. Grant was brought up on a farm, attended the public schools of his native county, and attended Clinton College, Clinton, Ky. He taught some in his younger days, entered the ministry of the Baptist church, was ordained to preach Feb. 24, 1898. His first call to a pastorate was by the First Baptist church of Elizabethtown, Illinois. After remaining with that church one year, he resigned and returned to his own State and county on account of the confirmed ill health of his father. Since the death of his father in 1901, he has been continuously engaged in pastoral work, having the pastorate of from two to four churches constantly. He lives in Marion, Ky., but owns a farm in the country near by.



## CHAPTER IX.

10—Little Berry Hughes married Drucilla Tuck in Smith Co., Tenn., in the early 40's. Soon after his marriage he moved to Butler Co., Ky., and later to Logan Co. in the same State. He was a successful farmer, provided well for his family, and gave liberally to the Methodist church, of which he was a faithful, consistent member. He died, I think, between 1890 and '95. I regret that I have not been able to obtain as complete a history of his family, as I would wish.

His children were 8 in number, as follows:

- |                   |                |
|-------------------|----------------|
| a—William Powell. | e—Jennie.      |
| b—Edna Rebecca.   | f—Emma.        |
| c—Selenda.        | g—Leander.     |
| d—Elza.           | h—James Henry. |

a—William Powell went to Texas when a young man. He married a Miss Busby in that State. He is said to have gone later to the Indian Territory, and all trace of him has been lost.

b—Edna Rebecca Hughes married John Cardwell, a farmer. Address, Sugar Grove, Ky. She died in March, 1909.

c—Selenda married William Deel. Address not known.

d—Elza Hughes married Thomas Bobbitt, a farmer. Address, Sugar Grove, Ky.

e—Jennie Hughes married Scott Page. Address, Sugar Grove, Ky.

f—Emma Hughes married James Rush.

g—Leander Hughes married Emma Conifex or Carnifex. He died about 1 year after his marriage, and when he was about 22 years old.

h—James Henry Hughes died in childhood.

I am not sure that the above arrangement of my uncle Little Berry's children is exactly in the order of their ages.

11—Elizabeth Hughes married Moses Allison, a farmer, carpenter and cabinet maker, in Smith Co., Tenn. They moved to Crittenden Co., Ky., soon after marriage. They moved back to Smith Co., Tenn., in 1852 or '53. In 1867 they again moved to Crittenden Co., Ky., where they resided the remainder of their lives. Elizabeth died in 1868, and Moses in 1871 or '72.

Their children that survived the age of childhood were 7, as follows:

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| a—Rebecca Ann.      | d—Berry.          |
| b—Leander Joseph.   | e—Mary Elizabeth. |
| c—Martha or Mattie. | f—William Scott.  |
| g—Fannie.           |                   |

The above list is in the order of age, but among them are three other children that died in childhood. They were Simeon, Samuel and Sallie McCoy.

a—Rebecca Ann Allison married her cousin Simeon W. Allison, now deceased. The present address of Rebecca Ann is probably Princeton, Ky. Her children are 4, as follows:

- |   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| 1—Monroe.                                       | 3—Moses Wesley. |
| 2—Nancy Green.                                  | 4—Wade.         |
| 1—Moses died unmarried.                         |                 |
| 2—Nancy Green married Joel Cox. She is a widow. |                 |
| 3—Moses Wesley died in infancy.                 |                 |
| 4—Wade died unmarried.                          |                 |

b—Leander Joseph Allison was variously employed. He was a farmer, painter, and I think also a carpenter. So far as I know he is yet living, but I have not his address. His last address known to me was Arkansas City, Kansas.

He has been married several times. His first wife was Jane Kimsey. His second was Elizabeth Fortner. His third was Mrs. Ellen (Grisson) Crayne. I understand that he has married at least twice since the death of his

third wife, but I am not advised as to the names of his last wives. He has 2 children, both of the first marriage:

1—David, married Rosa Frizell or Frazell.

2—William is married, but the name of his wife is unknown.

c—Martha or Mattie Allison was twice married. Her first husband was Richard Randall, whom she married in Smith Co., Tenn. Her second husband was James Lee Walker, a son of Rev. Paul L. H. Walker. His last known address was Princeton, Ky. Mattie's children of the two marriages have been 6, as follows:

First husband: 1—Elizabeth.

Second husband:

2—Ida Lee.

4—William.

3—Lula Ann.

5—Paul.

6—Ezra.

1—I have no information concerning Elizabeth Randall.

2—Ida Lee Walker married Lafayette Shaw. Address not known.

3—Lula Ann Allison is not married.

4—William Walker married Mattie Walker, a cousin.

5—Paul Walker is married, but the name of his wife is not known.

6—Ezra Walker married Lucy Smith.

d—Berry Allison married Sallie Ann Pool, whose father was for a long time Jailer of Caldwell Co., Ky. He is a carpenter, and has followed other pursuits. He has served as City Marshal of Princeton at least one term. His address is Princeton, Ky. Their children are 5, as follows:

1—Elizabeth.

3—Willie.

2—Lexie.

4—Essie.

5—Della.

1—Elizabeth Allison married her second cousin Berry Allison, a son of Samuel Allison.

2—Lexie (probably Alexis) married Maud Clayton.

3—Willie Allison married William Allen.

4—Essie. The facts of her history not given.

5—Della Allison married Frank Hughes.

e—Mary Elizabeth Allison married her cousin Winfield Scott Hughes, whose sketch has been given.

f—William Scott Allison married Adeline Pool, a sister of his brother Berry's wife. He has been a farmer, and I think a carpenter, and has been City Marshal of Princeton, Ky. His children are 4, as follows:

1—Bettie.

3—Beulah.

2—Edgar.

4—Estie.

1—Bettie Allison married George Kenney.

2—Edgar Allison died at the age of 8 years.

3—Beulah married Clarence Brown.

4—Estie Allison is not married.

g—Fannie Allison married her cousin John James Hughes. For the children of this marriage, see sketch of John James, son of Leonard Fretwell Hughes.

12—William Hughes, my uncle, died unmarried at the age of about 25. He was an unusually exemplary young man.

13—Ira Bell Hughes married Scynthia Ann Franks. He has been a farmer all his life, but has retired in recent years from active participation in any business. He is now about 86 or 87 years old. He and his brother, Seth Wade Hughes and his sister Susan Lea Gass are the only survivors of Leander Hughes' family of 20 children. His children are 10, as follows:

a—William Brookshire.

f—Thomas Buell.

b—Theodoric M.

g—Willis Anthony.

c—Jesse Bell.

h—Rosana Della.

d—Leander L.

i—Albert.

e—Ira Marshall.

j—Henry Cossitt.

All the survivors of the list of Ira Bell Hughes' family, including Ira Bell himself receive their mail at Marion, Ky.

a—William Brookshire Hughes, a farmer and carpenter, married Mary Conger.

b—Theodoric M. Hughes died in infancy.

c—Jesse Bell married Nancy J. Fritts, a daughter of



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Philip Fritts. He died about 1890. He had been a farmer and traveling salesman.

d—Leander L. Hughes has been twice married. His first wife was Nilie Vanhook. His second and present wife was Parthenia Vaughn.

e—Ira Marshall Hughes was twice married. His first wife was Annie Moore. His second was Mary McNeely. He was a farmer. He died in 1896.

f—Thomas Buell Hughes married Jane McNeeley. He was a farmer. He died about 1890.

g—Willis Anthony Hughes married Elizabeth Minchie.

h—Rosana Della has been twice married. Her first husband was Anderson Neal. Her second and present husband is Rufus J. Ford.

i—Albert Hughes, generally called Allie, married his brother Ira Marshall's widow.

j—Henry Cossitt Hughes died in childhood.

14—Seth Wade Hughes was born in Smith Co., Tenn., Dec. 24, 1822. He married his second cousin, Nancy Powell Davidson, a daughter of Josiah and Susan Davidson. He has been a carpenter. His address is Harrisburg, Ills. The children of this marriage are 11, as follows:

a—Sumner Marble.

f—William.

b—Harrington Stevens.

g—Samuel.

c—Susan Jane.

h—Lizzie.

d—Maggie.

i—Charles Eddie.

e—Joseph Leander.

j—Dockey.

k—Carrie Deane.

a—Sumner Marble Hughes married Julia Gaskins.

b—Harrington Stevens Hughes married Julia Stiff. She died, and he married Mattie Morris.

c—Susan Jane, always called Mollie, has been twice married. Her first husband was Frances Marion Wright, a music teacher. Her second was Solomon Franklin Williford, a lawyer.

d—Maggie died in infancy.

e—Joseph Leander married Tina Reece.

f—William married Stella Taylor.

g—Samuel married Virginia Pearce.

h—Lizzie died in childhood.

i—Charles Eddie married Minnie Abbott.

j—Dockey was drowned in a well when he was about 5 years old. I presume he had some other name, but, if so, I have not learned what it was.

k—Carrie Deane married Jesse T. Crouch.

I am wholly unadvised as to the address of any of the children of my uncle Wade, except Mollie, whose address is Harrisburg, Illinois.

15—Foley Brookshire Hughes died unmarried in Crittenden Co., Ky., at the age of about 18 or 20.

16—Thomas Henry Hughes, youngest child of Leander Hughes' second marriage, was born in Smith Co., Tenn., June 15, 1827. He was a carpenter. With the exception of a few months in 1851 he spent his entire life in Smith Co., Tenn., and the adjoining county of DeKalb. He was twice married. His first wife was Martha Gibbs, a daughter of John and Mahulda (Perkins) Gibbs. His second wife was a widow Brandon. He was a carpenter. He died in DeKalb Co., Tenn., about the year 1890. Of his first marriage there were 2 children:

a—Mahulda Bell married her cousin, Americus Smith, a son of Joseph Smith.

b—Van died unmarried some time about, or prior to, 1890. There may have been a child or two that died in infancy. Of Thomas Henry's second marriage there was 1 son named Lafayette Hughes, but I am not advised of his history.

This closes the sketch of the children of the second wife of Leander Hughes, Sr.

The third wife's children:

17—Sarah Jane, always called Sallie Jane Hughes, married John Henry Davidson, a second cousin. For the names and marriages of their children see sketch of John Henry Davidson, *supra*.

18—Nancy Ann Hughes married Joel Thomas, a son



of Diggs and Judith (Paris) Thomas, in Smith Co., Tenn., about 1855. They were cousins twice removed, their mothers being first cousins. Very soon after their marriage they moved to Western Missouri. Joel was a farmer. He and Nancy Ann both died many years ago. They had but 1 child, Martha Ann Thomas. She married Thomas McKee in 1877. He has been dead nearly 20 years. His address was Latour, Mo. He was a dry goods merchant. Martha died in May, 1907. They had 4 children, as follows:

- a—William D. McKee.                      c—Lillian McKee.
- b—Florence Esther McKee.      d—Grover Cleveland McKee.

a—William D. McKee married Ora Terrell, in 1906. They have no children.

b—Florence Esther McKee married William Richard Wooldridge. Address, Blairstown, Mo. They have 1 child: Vivian Oletto Wooldridge.

19—Jesse Paris Hughes was born in Smith Co., Tenn., Aug. 25, 1833. He married Holly Ward Porter, a daughter of Peter and Louisa (Ward) Porter. She was born Sept. 1, 1828. Her mother was a daughter of John and Holly (Mangrum) Ward of Smith Co., Tenn. Jesse P. and his wife married in Johnson Co., Missouri. He was a very prosperous and successful farmer. He died on a farm about 3 miles south of Dunksburg, Johnson Co., Mo., Jan. 11, 1890. On that farm he and his wife had spent their entire married life. Their children were 4 in number, as follows:

- a—Mary Eliza.                                      c—Martha Francis.
- b—William Leander.                              d—Jesse Joel.

a—Mary Eliza, generally called Mollie, married John Gunn about the year 1889 or '90. She died in December, 1903. She left no children.

b—William Leander Hughes married Lizzie McClelland Foster. He is a prosperous farmer and owns valuable farm property in Johnson Co., Mo. Address, Knob Noster, Mo., on a free delivery route. His children that survived infancy are 5, as follows:

- |                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| 1—Mary Foster.  | 3—Edwin Francis. |
| 2—Wallace Ward. | 4—Jessie Lea.    |
| 5—Holly.        |                  |

They are all unmarried.

c—Martha Frances Hughes married William Delaney Carmack, a second cousin to the late Senator Edward Carmack of Tennessee. He is a farmer. He gives special attention to fruit growing and dairying. Address, Knob Noster, Mo. No children.

d—Jesse Joel Hughes married Orella Wallston. He has been a farmer the greater portion of his life, but is now employed as a rural mail carrier. He lives in Knob Noster, Mo.

20—Susan Lea Hughes, youngest child of Leander Hughes, Sr., was a posthumous child, born in January, 1837. Her father had died in November or December, 1836. She married Hardy Boze Gass, oldest child of Joseph and Nancy Griffin (Boze) Gass. He was a farmer all his life. The marriage was in the first days of January, 1854, at the home of Susan's half-brother John James Hughes, with whom she had lived after she was 12 years old. He was her guardian. In 1859, Hardy and Susan Lea moved from Smith Co., Tenn., to Crittenden Co., Ky., and bought a farm about 4 miles north of Marion, the county-seat. That was their home till the death of Hardy B. in 1887. The widow still resides there. The children that survived the age of early childhood were 3, as follows:

- |                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| a—Martha Frances.   | b—Susan Isabel. |
| c—Fountain Sherman. |                 |

a—Martha Frances first married Josiah Baird, a son of Jesse Baird. He died, and she afterwards married Ewell Lycurgus Slayton, a son of John Slayton. Her first husband was a farmer. So is her present one. They live on a farm near Martha's mother. Address, Marion, Ky. There have been no children of either marriage.

b—Susan Isabel Gass married Levi Brown. Both have been dead for more than 20 years. They left 2 children, a daughter and a son, as follows:

1—Mary Green.

2—Gordon.

These two children lived with their grandmother Gass after the death of their parents.

1—Mary Green married James Ford, a son of Gale Ford, and a grand-son of Burton Ford, in December, 1909. He is a farmer. Address, Marion, Ky.

2—Gordon Brown is unmarried, and at latest advices was still making his home with his grandmother Gass.

c—Fountain Sherman Gass married Lavinia Edith Conger. He is a farmer. Lives on a part of the parental home. Address, Marion, Ky. The children of this marriage are 4, three daughters and one son, as follows:

1—Myrtle.

3—Eula.

2—Ora.

4—Kenneth.

Second names, if any, have not been ascertained.

This closes the history of the descendants of Leander Hughes, Sr.

### **Susannah Hughes.**

Susannah, youngest daughter of Powell Hughes, Sr., married Charles Walker in Prince Edward Co., Va., and moved to Smith Co., Tenn., and later to Muhlenberg Co., Ky., and all trace of the family has been lost.

## CHAPTER X.

### Gedeliah Hughes.

Of the 6 children of Powell Hughes that came from Prince Edward Co., Virginia, to Smith Co., Tenn., Gedeliah was the only one that came unmarried. He was his father's youngest child. He appears to have come to Tennessee about as early as either of his brothers. He has been described as both tall and large with black hair, altogether a very prepossessing man. He married Elizabeth Walker, a daughter of George Walker, who lived on the Cumberland river a short distance above Cedar Bluff, Smith Co., Tenn., and about 4 miles from Dixon's Springs. The place is now the property of a Mrs. Allen, and is described as a beautiful home. The present residence is brick, built after the marriage of Gedeliah and Elizabeth. After his marriage he lived on a large farm across the line in Wilson County, and owned a large number of slaves. He died early in life, hardly 40. He was always a farmer. After his death his widow married a man named George Duncan. This marriage proved to be an unhappy one for her.

Gedeliah's children were 5, as follows:

- |                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| 1—John Powell.        | 3—Berry. |
| 2—William Leander.    | 4—Eliza. |
| 5—Gedeliah or Gideon. |          |

1—John Powell Hughes was born Aug. 12, 1810. He first married Eliza Chambers Freeland, who was born March 24, 1817, and died May 2, 1840. His second wife was Mary Freeland, a sister of his first wife, who was born April 5, 1823. John Powell was a farmer and lived on a part of the parental homestead, and afterward a merchant in Hartsville, Tenn. He gave a good deal of atten-

tion to fine stock. I have not the date of his death, but he died more than 50 years ago. His children that survived the age of early childhood were 8, as follows:

First wife:

- a—Eliza Jane.                      b—Mary Elizabeth.  
c—James Freeland (Sank).

Second wife:

- d—Martha Melvina.              f—Charles Morgan.  
e—Mildred Agnes.              g—George Etta.  
h—Kate Martin.

Charles H. and Elizabeth Agnes died in infancy.

a—Eliza Jane Hughes died unmarried after reaching the age of womanhood.

b—Mary Elizabeth Hughes married George Burton. She died, leaving 1 son named James Burton. He married Kate Sanford. Address, Lebanon, Tenn., R. F. D. 10, Box 31.

c—James Freeland Hughes died in his twentieth year.

d—Martha Melvina Hughes was born April 2, 1843. She married Thomas Clark Carson, of Morgantown, Ky. He was born April 2, 1823, and died at Morgantown, Ky., July 3rd, 1897. Martha Melvina was his second wife. She died Jan. 14, 1909, leaving 1 child, a son, named Justus Oliver Carson, who was born Dec. 22, 1877. Thomas C. Carson was a prosperous farmer of Butler Co., Ky. He was a public spirited citizen, prominent in the affairs of his community. He was elected to the office of County Judge in 1870. The present court-house at Morgantown was built during his term. In 1880 he organized the Morgantown Deposit Bank, of which he was president till his death. There is every evidence that Martha Carson was a woman of rare mental force and amiability of character. The son, Justus Oliver Carson is unmarried. He is cashier of the bank organized by his father or of a bank organized by his half brother, John M. Carson. He is active in church and Sunday-school work.

e—Mildred Agnes Hughes married her cousin James Little Berry Hughes, a son of John Walker Hughes.

Their children have been given under the head of James Little Berry Hughes.

f—Charles Morgan Hughes has been twice married. His first wife was Cornelia Barxdale, a daughter of Thomas Barxdale. His second wife was a widow, a younger sister of his first, Mrs. Sue Lowe, nee Barxdale. He was a farmer early in life, but about 1875, he went to Nashville and engaged in the building material business, in which he has been very successful. His place of business is 901, First Avenue North, Nashville, Tenn.

The children born of his two marriages are 8 in number, as follows:

First wife:

1—Leila.      2—Thomas Richard.      3—Susie.

Second wife:

4—Euphemia Elizabeth.      6—Maggie Clare.

5—Mattie Dee.      7—Virginia.

8—Bessie.

1—Leila married Dr. Albert Gallie Donoho. Address, Hartsville, Tenn.

3—Susie married James Christian about 3 years ago. He is Traffic Manager of a railroad. His location is San Francisco, Cal.

4—Euphemia Elizabeth Hughes married James Cunningham in September, 1910. He is a farmer. Address, Gallatin, Tenn.

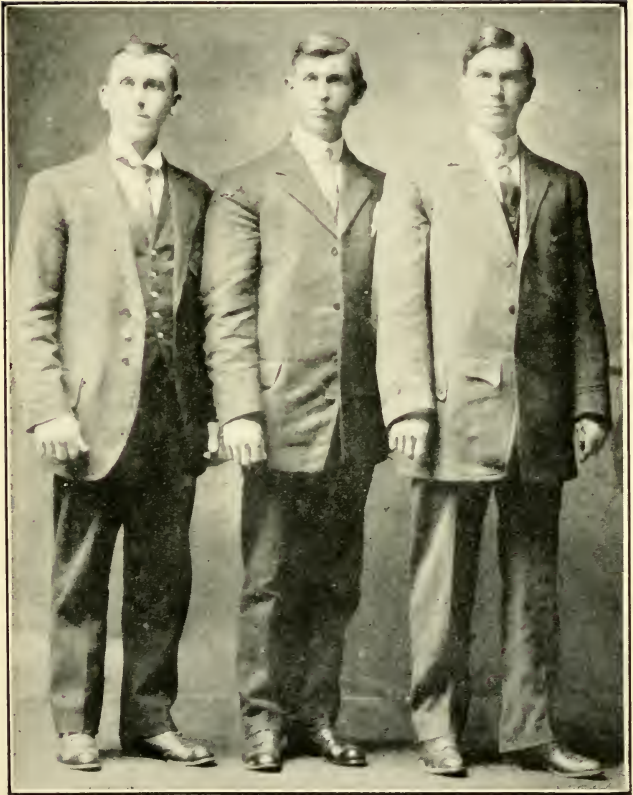
5—Mattie Dee married Thomas Witherspoon of Cincinnati, Ohio. He is a newspaper man. At last advices he was reporting for the Cincinnati Evening Post.

So far as I am advised all the remaining 4 children of Charles Morgan Hughes are unmarried, and with him.

g—George Etta Hughes was born Dec. 26, 1850. She married William Baldry Anderson, who was born Oct. 12, 1840. He is a very prosperous farmer in Logan Co., Ky. Address, Oakville, Ky. The children of this marriage have been 3, as follows:

1—Hugh William.      2—Harry Powell.

3—Mary Agnes.



READING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:—JOHN LACY,  
WILLIAM THOMAS AND WALTER SAMUEL JAMES







1—Hugh William Anderson was born July 8, 1887. He is a flagman on the Louisville & Nashville railroad. He is not married.

2—Harry Powell Anderson was born Nov. 9, 1891. He is still with his parents and in school.

3—Mary Agnes Anderson was born Jan. 23, 1895, and died July 6, 1896.

h—Kate Martin Hughes married John Snoddy. She died, leaving 4 children, as follows:

1—Carson.

2—Odelia.

3—Mabel.

4—William.

I regret that I am not sufficiently advised of the 4 Snoddy children to make any statement concerning their history.

2—William Leander Hughes was twice married. His first wife was Sallie Burford, of Smith Co., Tenn. His second was Sallie Bell of Wilson Co., Tenn. He married his first wife about 1840. She was a daughter of John Hawkinds Burford, who was a soldier in the War of 1812, and a great-grand-daughter of the noted divine, Rev. Daniel Burford, one of the pioneer preachers of that section of country. She was related to Major David Burford, who was in his day one of the most prominent men of affairs in his community. The Burford family has, from the days of the cane brakes down to the present, been one of the most public spirited and conspicuous in the history of Smith County.

A few years after William Leander's marriage he bought from his brother, John Powell, his farm which was a part of the paternal estate, and John Powell went to Hartsville, Tenn., and engaged in the mercantile business. A few years later he went to Williamson County, Illinois. After a two years' residence there his wife died. He then moved back to Smith Co., Tenn., where he spent the remainder of his life. His children made their home with their mother's parents till their father's second marriage, which was about 4 years from the death of his first

wife. The oldest child, Araminta, continued with her grand-parents till she married.

I have the testimony of this daughter that her step-mother was a most estimable woman, very kind and motherly to her step children. William Leander was a farmer. He died near Dixon's Springs, Tenn. There were no children of the second marriage. Of the first, there were 4, as follows:

a—Araminta Dormer.

c—John Gideon.

b—Lafayette.

d—Mary Victoria.

a—Araminta Dormer Hughes was born Dec. 26, 1841. She married Samuel Moody Bransford, a Confederate soldier, and a farmer, at Dixon's Springs, Tenn., Dec. 23, 1863. He was instantly killed by the explosion of Shaw's mill, near Dixon's Springs, Tenn., May 16, 1879. He had no interest in the mill. In passing by, he stepped in to speak to some one inside, when the boiler gave way in a terrific explosion, killing Mr. Bransford. No others were killed, though several were seriously injured. Mrs. Bransford was left with 2 sons aged respectively 11 and 7 years. She had lost 2 little girls by death. The names of her sons were as follows:

1—William Richard.

2—Gideon Fletcher.

1—William Richard Bransford married Virginia Mayes of Huntsville, Alabama. For a number of years he traveled for a wholesale house in Chattanooga at a large salary. His wife belonged to an excellent family, and a bright and happy life lay before him apparently; but he contracted typhoid fever, and died at Huntsville, Ala., in 1898, leaving 1 child, a daughter, named Mary Elizabeth Bransford. His widow has married A. J. Nichols, an architect. Address, Huntsville, Ala.

2—Gideon Fletcher Bransford married Mary Bowman, of Riddleton, Tenn. He is a farmer, living on a farm of his own one-half mile from Dixon's Springs on the turn-pike leading from that place to Carthage, Tenn. His mother lives with him. His children are 4, as follows, with their ages given:

1—Elizabeth Hughes, 14.

3—James Samuel, 9.

2—William Richard, 12.

4—Martha Thompson, 6.

b—Fafayette Hughes was killed in the Confederate army in 1863. He was unmarried.

c—John Gideon Hughes went West, and has not been heard from in the last 20 years. He is supposed to be dead. If living he would be about 60 years old. So far as known he never married.

d—Mary Victoria Hughes married William Kyle, and moved to Texas. She died, leaving 3 children, whose names are not known. All traces of the family were lost several years ago.

3—Berry Hughes, son of Gedeliah Hughes, Sr., died of consumption at his brother John Powell's, when not quite 21 years old.

4—Eliza Hughes, sister of the above, died in childhood.

5—Gedeliah or Gideon Hughes was a posthumous child, born a few months after his father's death, and named for his father. He appears to have made his home with his brother John Powell Hughes till his marriage. He married Rowena Jones who lived near McMinnville, Tenn., and was engaged in the mercantile business in that town till about the close of the Civil War when he went to Dallas, Texas. At some subsequent time, he died at the latter place. His widow returned with her children to her people. It appears that there were several children of this marriage, but I am not advised as to the number, or the names of any of them.

## CHAPTER XI.

### Samuel or John Gass.

As to the name of the original progenitor of our branch of the Gass family in America there has been some confusion. That it was either Samuel or John there is no reason to doubt. He came from Ireland, probably as early as 1740, and perhaps after temporary halts at other places, finally settled in Pennsylvania only a few miles from Philadelphia. It is thought that he married in Ireland, but the name of his wife has not been handed down to his descendants.

There is nothing now positively known of the names of any of his children except Samuel, about whose name there is no doubt whatever, and who was my great-grandfather.

Here I will mention the fact that nearly sixty years ago, when I was a very small boy, I heard my grandfather, Joseph Gass, a son of Samuel, say that he (Joseph) had an uncle with Daniel Boone in Kentucky. Now, it is a fact well known in Kentucky history, that Miss Jennie Gass, a daughter of John Gass, Miss Jemima Boone and a Miss Fletcher, while amusing themselves in a boat in Kentucky river near the fort at Boonesboro, were surprised and captured and carried away by a band of Indians. They were pursued and the girls all rescued unharmed. I have always believed that this John Gass was the uncle referred to by my grand-father. If so he was a brother, probably an older brother, of my great-grandfather, Samuel Gass. This appears to me to be a very strong case of circumstantial evidence, but in the absence of any positive proof connecting us with John Gass, I leave the reader to draw his own deductions.

The name of Gass often appears in the civil and polit-

ical history of Tennessee. John Gass was one of the representatives from Green County in the first General Assembly of the State, which convened on March 28, 1796, and appears to have been elected to the second and third General Assemblies.

One T. N. Gass represented Rhea County in the Legislature that was elected in 1880.

Whether or not any of these were related to Samuel I have no means of ascertaining.

Now, to return to Samuel Gass. He grew to manhood under the parental roof in Pennsylvania, and married Nancy Rose, said to be of English parentage. This union was blessed with 12 children, given in the order of their ages, as follows:

1—John.	5—Hannah.	9—Peggy.
2—Joseph.	6—Henry.	10—Samuel.
3—Mollie.	7—David.	11—Jonathan.
4—Nancy.	8—Rachel.	12—Bettie.

The reader will note the fact that there are both a John and a Jonathan. It is probable that the correct names of Mollie and Peggy were Mary and Margaret respectively, and that Bettie's name was Elizabeth.

When the second son, Joseph, my maternal grandfather, was about 12 years old, which was about the year 1796, Samuel left his Pennsylvania home, and following the trough-like valleys of the Apalachian chain, as the custom with emigrants then was, he moved down into Hawkins County, East Tennessee, and settled on a farm on the North Fork of Holston river.

Here he remained for about 8 years, when about 1804, he removed to Monroe County, Kentucky. In 1819 he again took the emigrant trail, moving this time to Franklin County, Tennessee. There he bought, and settled on a farm on Big Crow Creek, where he spent the remainder of his life. He died there in 1827.

Now, for a brief sketch of the marriages of Samuel's children.

Henry, David and Rachel all died unmarried, but as

to the times, places or circumstances of their respective deaths, I am wholly unadvised.

1—John married Tamar Cheeney in Monroe Co., Ky., and afterwards moved to Illinois, after which he disappears from the family history.

3—Mollie married William Condrey in Monroe Co., Ky. They spent their lives and died in that county, and their descendants, or some of them at least, live there now. Mr. Condrey appears to have been a man of considerable talent, a sort of genius, but very eccentric and erratic. He was at one time a captain of militia, and it is said would attend the musters, so common in those days, dressed in a suit of the finest blue broad cloth regimentals, epauletts on his shoulders, a military plume in his hat, a shining sword by his side and—barefooted. He once made the race for the Legislature, but was defeated. It has been said that his eccentric acts were the principal factor in his defeat. It appears that no one doubted either his ability or his integrity.

4—Nancy Gass married Job Odell either in Monroe Co., Ky., or the adjoining County of Jackson, Tenn. They afterwards went West, and were last heard from in Texas.

5—Hannah Gass married John Sammonds in Franklin Co., Tenn., went to Walker Co., Georgia, thence to Arkansas, and all trace of them became lost.

9—Peggy Gass married William Barnett in Franklin County, Tennessee, and afterwards moved to some part of Georgia, and nothing more is definitely known of them or their descendants.

10—Samuel Gass, Jr., married Priscilla Williams in Franklin Co., Tenn., and moved to Rutherford Co., Tenn. Nothing more is known of them. I recently addressed a letter of inquiry to the Sheriff of that county, and received the information that nobody bearing the name of Gass now lives in his county.

11—Jonathan Gass married Mary Crownover in Franklin Co., Tenn., and is thought to have moved to Alabama, and nothing more is known of him.

12—Bettie Gass married in Rutherford Co., Tenn., but the name of her husband has been forgotten. At the time of her marriage her widowed mother had moved to Rutherford Co., Tenn., and she and her mother may have been living together, or what is more probable, they may have both been living with Samuel.

2—Although Joseph Gass was the second one of his father's children, I omitted his sketch till the last because he being my grand-father, I shall be able to say more about him and his posterity than about any of his brothers and sisters from the fact that I know more about them.

While Samuel Gass and his family were residing in Monroe Co., Ky., about the year 1811 or '12, Joseph came down into Smith County, Tenn., and engaged in making saltpeter on Peyton's Creek. Here he met Nancy Griffin Boze, a daughter of Hardy Boze. This accidental backwoods meeting was the fateful episode that sooner or later comes to most men, and women as well. This casual acquaintance, formed beneath the umbrageous branches of the forest primeval, ripened into friendship, and friendship, under the magic spell of tender words, met by furtive glances shot out from beneath eyebrows that formed a rich setting in a forehead of alabaster, whose beauty was heightened by a profusion of blushes, such as are never seen except when some coy maiden with downcast eyes inclines her head, and for the first time in her young life, listens to the rapturous tale of love as it is poured into her ears by some manly and stalwart young swain, reached its full fruition, when on the 30th day of December, 1812, the 'Squire pronounced them one; and they faithfully began life's battle with their naked hands as their only weapons.

My grand-father was strictly a farmer. He continued to reside in Smith County, Tenn., till 1828, when at the request of his mother, he moved to Franklin Co., Tenn., and took charge of her farm, his father, as already stated, having died the previous year. He remained in Franklin Co. till 1832, when he moved back to Smith County, and



bought a farm of about 200 acres from John Cooper, father of Timothy Cooper. This farm lay along the east bank of Caney Fork River, the lower end of the tract being exactly opposite the mouth of Mulherrin's Creek. It was a tract of very fertile land.

My grand-mother died December, 1842, on her 50th birthday. He later married Mrs. Elizabeth Hughes, widow of my uncle Gideon Hughes and a daughter of Obadiah Paris. She died in June, 1856. My grand-father died on the night of Oct. 9, 1857, at the age of about 73, having spent the last 25 years of his life on his Caney Fork farm in quiet retirement, surrounded with comfort and plenty, if not in luxury.

I was in my 14th year when my grand-father Gass died. He was the only one of my grand-parents that I ever saw, the others all having died before I was born. As already stated he was Irish on his father's side and English on his mother's, but he possessed all the better characteristics of a full-blooded Irishman. The Irish brogue could be clearly detected in almost every sentence that he uttered, and he was rich in all the better and nobler attributes of that remarkable race. He was quick to anger, but as quick to forgive. If his language was some times more vigorous than classic his intentions were always right.

His education was extremely limited, he being barely able to read, and to write a very little; but he was a voracious reader, and few persons in his community were as well informed in history as was he. He was especially well versed in the sacred Scriptures, which it was interesting to hear him discuss. He was never connected with any church, but he held religion in the greatest respect and reverence. Throughout his entire life he faced the pulpit and its worthy ministrants with far greater regularity than do many church members. He dispensed a plain but bountiful hospitality with a liberal hand. His latch-string hung ever on the outside; and beneath his humble roof, the weary and hungry wayfarer could always find





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both shelter and food sauced with a royal welcome. He was a provident husband and father, an obliging neighbor, a model citizen. I know nothing of the religion of his father, but his mother was a devout Baptist. She has been described as a very pious and saintly woman. How much of his veneration for religion he received at her knees, or what influence the infusion of her cool English blood wielded in soothing and holding in check his mercurial Irish impetuosity may never be known. He was the soul of honor. His word was as good as his bond, and his bond was as good as the Bank of England.

Joseph Gass was a diamond in the rough, and there is many a rougher diamond. Peace to his ashes!

There were born of his two marriages 16 children, as follows:

First wife:

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|------------------|-------------------|
| 1—Hardy Boze.    | 6—Rufus Perry.    |
| 2—Henry Douglas. | 7—Luther Bigelow. |
| 3—Samuel Rose.   | 8—Eliza Ann.      |
| 4—John David.    | 9—Francis Marion. |
| 5—Susan.         | 10—Jasper Newton. |

11—Joseph Van Buren.

Second wife:

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| 12—James Paris. | 14—Zachary Taylor. |
| 13—William.     | 15—Fountain Pitts. |

16—Richard Barnett.

1—Hardy Boze Gass, a farmer, married Mary Lynch. She died less than a year after marriage. In January, 1854, he married Susan Lea Hughes, youngest child of Leander Hughes, Sr. He died in 1887. For their children, see sketch of Susan Lea Hughes, *Supra*.

2—Henry Douglas Gass, a farmer all his life, was born in Smith Co., Tenn., Dec. 4, 1816, and died at his home, 2 miles south of Carthage near Cedar Point church Dec. 19, 1894. He was three times married. His first wife was Rachel Smith, a first cousin, who was born Dec. 2, 1824, and to whom he was married July 25, 1844. She died in 1852. His second wife was Carey Russ Duncan, a

daughter of John Duncan, born June 10, 1832. This marriage was in November, 1853. She died June 26, 1865. He next married Anie Bartlett, a daughter of William Bartlett, of Cookville, Tenn., Jan. 3, 1870. The date of her birth is not known. She died at the family home near Cedar Point church, Smith Co., July 4, 1900.

The children born of these three marriages were 13, as follows:

First wife:

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| a—Nancy Jane.           | c—Lemuel Augustine. |
| b—Joseph Van Rensalaer. | d—Mary Owen.        |

Second wife:

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| e—Margaret Lycity. | h—Hardy Columbus.   |
| f—Rachel.          | i—Amanda Elizabeth. |
| g—William.         | j—Sarah Eliza.      |

Third wife:

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|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| k—James Allen. | l—Samuel King. | m—Virginia. |
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a—Nancy Jane Gass was born May 6, 1845. She married Henry Lynch in 1873, who died in 1883. She died in 1885.

b—Joseph Van Ransalaer Gass, a farmer and stone mason, was born Nov. 14, 1846. He married his first wife, Sarah Jane Andrews, a daughter of Jesse B. Andrews, on Dec. 22, 1872. She died, but the date of her death has not been learned. He married his second wife, Amanda Jane Haynes, Dec. 7, 1880. She died Nov. 23, 1882. His third wife was Nannie Fuller, whom he married Feb. 12, 1888. She died June 23, 1889. His address is Bluff Creek, Tenn.

c—Lemuel Augustine Gass was born Nov. 30, 1848. He married Mrs. M. V. Cauley, a widow. He died June 27, 1888. Nothing more is known of his history.

d—Mary Owen Gass was born in 1849. She died in September or October, 1852.

e—Margaret Lycity Gass was born Nov. 30, 1854. She married George Washington Bradley Nov. 13, 1873. He died at Riddleton, Tenn., May 17, 1885, at the age of 65. Lycity married her second husband, William R. Kittrell, Dec. 25, 1901. Address, Bethphage, Tenn.

f—Rachel Gass was born March 24, 1856. She married Lemuel Harrison Gibbs, a son of John and Polly (Paty) Gibbs, Dec. 25, 1873. They are cousins twice removed. Lemuel is a very prosperous and successful farmer. Address, Bluff Creek, Tenn.

g—William Gass was born Oct. 15, 1857. He died in infancy.

h—Hardy Columbus Gass was born June 10, 1859. He married Effie Lou Blackburn of Hickman, Tenn., Aug. 8, 1909. He is a farmer. His present address is Brush Creek, Tenn., R. F. D. 4.

i—Amanda Elizabeth Gass was born March 24, 1861. She married John Farley March 28, 1882. He was a successful farmer. He died Nov. 10, 1908. His widow's address is Carthage, Tenn.

j—Sarah Eliza Gass was born Jan. 16, 1863. She married James Duke Skelton, a successful farmer, Oct. 17, 1880. His address is Bluff Creek, Tenn.

k—James Allen Gass was born Feb. 10, 1872. He married Ellen Baty in 1909. He is a farmer. Address, Bluff Creek, Tenn.

l—Samuel King Gass was born June 8, 1873. He married Alta McDonald, a daughter of Brown McDonald, Nov. 19, 1896. He is a farmer. Address, Bluff Creek, Tenn.

m—Virginia Gass died in early childhood.

3—Samuel Rose Gass married Martha Paris, a daughter of Jesse Paris, and a grand-daughter of Obadiah Paris, about the year 1846 or '47, in Smith Co., Tenn. He died in 1852, leaving 1 child, a daughter, named Mary Dixon, who died in 1862. A posthumous child, a son, was born Jan 20, 1853, and was named Samuel Rose in honor of his father.

Samuel Rose Gass, Jr., is now a prosperous and well-to-do farmer in Crittenden Co., Ky. He has been twice married. His first wife was Margaret Frances James, a daughter of Garry Spencer or Spink James. She died April 17, 1879. There were 4 children of this marriage,

all of whom died in childhood. He afterwards married Martha Jane Conger, a daughter of Isaac Conger, and a sister of J. Frank Conger. The children of this second marriage are 9, as follows:

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|------------------|-------------------|
| a—Maggie Lee.    | e—Nonie.          |
| b—Mary Ellen.    | f—John Hester.    |
| c—Albert Earle.  | g—Henry Franklin. |
| d—Ruby.          | h—Imogene.        |
| i—Barney Frazer. |                   |

a—Maggie Lee Gass married Alex Hunt, a son of Stewart Patterson (Pony) Hunt.

b—Mary Ellen Gass married Odie Samuel Woodside, a son of Frank Woodside.

d—Ruby Gass married George Harrison Manly, a son of William Manly.

I presume that all the other children are unmarried.

4—John David Gass married Dycie Abner about 1846 or '47. He lived in Smith Co., Tenn., till 1870 when he moved to Crittenden Co., Ky., where he resided till about the year 1880, when he went to some part of Arkansas, where he died a few years later. His children became scattered and all trace of them has been entirely lost. His children, as nearly as can now be given, were 8, as follows:

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|---------------|-------------------|
| a—Owen Davis. | e—Luther Bigelow. |
| b—William.    | f—James.          |
| c—Eliza.      | g—Joseph.         |
| d—Rachel.     | h—Nannie.         |

I am not positively sure about the correctness of the last name.

a—Owen Davis Gass married a Miss Howerton, a daughter of Riley Howerton, in Crittenden Co., Ky., and went to some part of Missouri, and is said to have engaged in the practice of medicine.

b—William Gass married a Miss Salyer in Crittenden Co., Ky. She soon afterwards died, and William was last heard from somewhere in Arkansas.

c—Eliza Gass married George Summers, and went to Illinois, where they both soon died.

I know absolutely nothing of the movements of the other members of the family.

5—Susan Gass was my mother. The name given her by her parents, was Susannah, but the last syllable of her name was gradually dropped. In the latter years of her life she wrote her name Susan, and was known altogether by that name. She was born in Smith Co., Tennessee, Sept. 9, 1822, and died in Crittenden Co., Ky., July 16, 1899. She married John James Hughes, in whose sketch will be found a full history of her children.

6—Rufus Perry Gass was twice married. His first wife was Hepsy Duncan, a daughter of John Dunacn, in Smith Co., Tenn., in the year 1849. She died about the year 1876. About 1879, he married Sallie Gwinn of Livingston Co., Ky. He was a farmer. He lived in Smith Co., Tenn., till 1862, when he moved to Crittenden Co., Ky., where he spent the remainder of his life, except a year or two spent in Lyon Co., Ky. He died in the early spring of 1897. His children that survived infancy are 11 in number, 8 of the first marriage and 3 of the second, as follows:

First wife:

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|-----------------------------|------------------|
| a—Isaac Goodall.            | e—Lucy Ann.      |
| b—Lafayette LaVega.         | f—Cornelia.      |
| c—Joseph (or Josiah) Allen. | g—Thomas.        |
| d—James Stegar.             | h—Uriah Burklow. |

Second wife:

- i—David. j—Ludecia Bell. k—Amanda May.

a—Isaac Goodall Gass is a farmer. He married Rebecca Frances Walker, a daughter of Rev. Paul L. H. Walker. Address, Marion, Ky.

Their children are 10, as follows:

1—Luther Calvin married Myrtle Wheeler, a daughter of Henry Sylvester and Susan Jane Wheeler, 1 child. Address, Marion, Ky.

2—Harvey Lee Gass married Elizabeth Massey, 3 children. Address, Marion, Ky.

3—Sarah Eveline Gass married C. M. Dillard, 3 children. Address not known.

4—Laura Ann Gass married William Turley, 3 children. Address not known.

5—Docie May Gass married Albert Crayne, 3 children. Address unknown.

6—Annie Ellen Gass married Albert Agee. Address unknown.

The remaining 4 children of Isaac G. are Louis F., George R. H., Lillie Frances, and Bertha Eunice, all of whom I presume are unmarried.

b—Lafayette La Vega Gass married Rebecca Shewmaker, a daughter of William Shewmaker, in Crittenden Co., Ky. They moved to Illinois where Lafayette soon died, leaving 1 daughter, who has married, but the name of her husband is not known. She died soon after her marriage, leaving 2 children, names unknown.

c—Joseph Allen Gass married Mary Etta Johnson, a daughter of W. David Johnson. I regret that I have entirely failed to get any further history of his family except the fact that he has 10 children, whose names are not known. His address is Marion, Ky.

d—James Stegar Gass is a farmer. He married Sarah Jane McMican, a daughter of Jesse B. McMican. He has 10 children, as follows:

George married Scynthia Thomas. The others are Ellen, Fred, Minnie, Lucy, Ross, Nola, (Lemon and Lena, twins), and Shela. They probably all have second or middle names, but, if so, I failed to get them.

e—Lucy Ann Gass married James Brown, a farmer. Address, Enon, Ky. They have 10 children, as follows:

1—Nona married Seldon Jennings.

2—Josie married Albert Babb.

3—Willie married William Taylor.

The other children are Hugh, Fannie, Lev., Arthur, Nellie, Delmer and Lawrence.



f—Cornelia Gass married Ira King Paris, her cousin, whose address is New Middleton, Tenn.

For a further sketch of Ira K. Paris, see history of Eliza Ann Gass, who married John B. Paris, *infra*.

g—Thomas Gass married Rose Gahegan. He is a farmer, 2 children, names not known. Address not known, but probably Marion, Ky.

h—Uriah Burklow Gass married Bell Jarrett of Jared, of Lyon Co., Ky. He has 3 children, names unknown. He is a farmer. Address not known. Somewhere in Lyon Co., Ky.

i—David Gass married Allie Woodall, a daughter of Christopher Columbus Woodall. He is a teamster. No children. Address, Marion, Ky

j—Ludecia Belle Gass married Hilary G. Gilmore, 1 child, name not known. He is a farmer. Address, Calhoun, Ky., R. F. D. 3.

k—Amanda May Gass married Jack Robertson, a miner. Address, Fairview, Ills. 3 children:

1—Ray. 2—Anthony. 3—Not known.

7—Luther Bigelow Gass married Lucinda Abner in 1849. He died at Gass' Ferry, at the mouth of Mulherrin's Creek, in December, 1857. His wife survived him about 40 years. Their children were 5, as follows:

a—Louisa. b—Timothy. c—Joseph.

d—Jasper Newton. e—Henry Douglas.

a—Louisa married a man named Rittenberry. His present address is not known.

b—Timothy Gass went to Crittenden Co., Ky., when a young man, and married Susan Henrie Thurman, a daughter of Robert S. Thurman. He has always been a farmer. Address at present is New Madrid, Mo. So far as I have been able to learn Timothy's children are 4, as follows:

1—Elta L.

3—Bertie.

2—Ader.

4—Daisy.

1—Elta L. Gass married Laura Paris, a daughter of

William and Nancy (Swansey) Paris. His address is Sykeston, Mo.

2—Ader Gass married Josie Radcliffe. His address is Sykeston, Mo.

3—Bertie married her second cousin, Henry Gass, a son of Francis Marion Gass. Address, Henderson, Ky.

4—Daisy Gass is not married. She lives with her parents.

c—Joseph died in 1858 at the age of about 4 or 5.

d—Jasper Newton Gass married Eliza Jane Dennis in Smith Co., Tenn. He is a farmer. His address, New Middleton, Tenn.

e—Henry Douglas Gass married Letha Payne Boze, a daughter of Elijah nad Nancy (Paty) Boze. They are cousins twice removed. Henry is a farmer, but has been engaged a part of his life in mercantile business. Address, Bluff Creek, Tenn.

8—Eliza Ann Paris was born in Franklin Co., Tenn., Feb. 16, 1829. She married John Bailey Paris, a son of Obadiah and Judith (Gaulden) Paris, about 1844. Mr. Paris was born in Smith Co., Tenn., on April 30, 1825, on what is known as Paris' Branch, a short 2 miles east of New Middleton, Tenn. He spent his entire life on the paternal homestead, and died there Sept. 5, 1887. His wife died at the same place Aug. 5, 1909.

Their children that survived the age of childhood were 8, as follows:

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| a—Obadiah.             | e—Nancy Jane.     |
| b—Jettie Ann Victoria. | f—Ira King.       |
| c—James Henry.         | g—Robert Sherman. |
| d—Samuel Gass.         | h—Jesse Barnett.  |

a—Obadiah Paris was born May 9, 1846. He married Sarah Baird, a daughter of Jeremy and Delilah (Paris) Baird, in 1863. They were cousins twice removed. Sarah died about 1907. Obadiah has been a life-long farmer. His address is New Middleton, Tenn. Their children are 6, as follows:



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1—Lucy Jane.

4—Callie Janetta.

2—Martha Ann.

5—James Albert.

3—William Henry.

6—Kate May.

1—Lucy Jane married Shed Parker, a farmer. Address, New Middleton, Tenn.

2—Martha Ann married James Winfrey, a son of Bennett Winfrey. She has been dead several years, left 1 child, a son.

3—William Henry Paris married Mattie McDonald, a daughter of Brown McDónald. She soon died, and he married again, but name of his second wife is not known. She also is dead. At last advices he was still a widower.

4—Callie Janetta married a Mr. Agee, first name not known.

5 & 6—James Albert and Kate May are married, but the names of their companions are not known. So far as I am advised all of the above receive their mail at New Middleton, Tenn.

b—Jettie Ann Victoria Paris was born Oct. 9, 1848. She married Benjamin Franklin Thomas, a son of Solomon Thomas, in 1863 or '64. Jettie died July 11, 1895. Mr. Thomas has been a farmer all his life. His last known address was Alexandria, Tenn.

The children of this marriage are 7, as follows:

1—Andrew Jackson.

4—Effie Jane.

2—Mary Eliza.

5—Robert King.

3—John Solomon.

6—Benjamin Garfield.

7—Myrtle.

All living except Benjamin Garfield, who died at the age of 17.

3—John Solomon married Lula McDowell, a daughter of Jasper McDowell. Address, Marion, Ky. I am not advised as to any other marriages.

c—James Henry Paris was born Jan. 23, 1850. He has been a farmer and saw mill man, and has followed some other pursuits. In 1871, about February, he married Eliza James, a daughter of B. Smith James in Crittenden

Co., Ky. His present address is not known. His children are 8, as follows:

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|------------------|---------------------|
| 1—Sarah Belle.   | 5—William Franklin. |
| 2—John Smith.    | 6—Henry Clarence.   |
| 3—George Nathan. | 7—Minnie Jane.      |
| 4—Louis.         | 8—Robert Kelley.    |

All living and all married except Henry Clarence. I have the marriage accounts of only the following three:

1—Sarah Belle Paris married James Prowell.

2—John married a daughter of Bethel McDonald, and lives somewhere in the West.

3—George Nathan married a daughter of James Massey.

d—Samuel Gass Paris was born July 11, 1852. He never married. He spent his life with his parents and brothers and sisters. He died May 19, 1908.

e—Nancy Jane Paris was born Oct. 19, 1860. She married William Daniel James, a son of Bethel and Martha (Paris) James, Dec. 25, 1878. They were cousins twice removed. She died May 15, 1907. Address of William Daniel is either Annora or Crayneville, Ky. Their children are 4, as follows:

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|----------------|----------------|
| 1—Althea Lee.  | 3—John Wade.   |
| 2—Walter Seay. | 4—Mattie Jane. |

1—Althea Lee married Silas McMurphy Gass, a son of James P. and Mary (Lynn) Gass. They are cousins twice removed. Address, Marion, Ky.

2—Walter Seay and 4—Mattie Jane James married children of Rev. Henry Holloman, of Annora, Ky., which is their address.

So far as I know, John Wade James is not married.

f—Ira King Paris was born June 13, 1865. He married his cousin Cornelia Gass, a daughter of Rufus P. and Hepsy (Duncan) Gass, Dec. 25, 1887. He is a farmer, owns and lives upon the old Paris homestead. Address, New Middleton, Tenn. Their children are 4:

- 1—John James. 2—Julia Belle. 3—Ella. 4—Josie.

All unmarried and with their parents.

g—Robert Sherman Paris was born Dec. 25, 1867. He married Mrs. Mary Thomas, a widow in Hopkins Co., Ky., Nov. 1, 1893. Her first or maiden name was Mary Melton. Robert's occupation, stationary engineer. Address, Madisonville, Ky.

h—Jesse Barnett Paris was born Jan. 31, 1869. On Aug. 21, 1897, he married Melone Roberts, a daughter of Oliver Roberts. He is a farmer. Address, New Middleton, Tenn.

9—Francis Marion Gass was born about 1832 or '33. He was twice married. His first wife was his second cousin, Mary Gibbs, a daughter of John Gibbs, in Smith Co., Tenn., whom he married in 1856. She died in Crittenden Co., Ky., in the autumn of 1865. In the fall of 1867, Francis returned to Smith Co., Tenn., from which he had come in the winter of 1862-3.

Some time in 1873, he married his second wife, Millie Bartlett a daughter of William Bartlett, and a sister of his brother, Henry D. Gass' last wife. He was always a farmer. He died Feb. 1, 1908, near Stonewall, Tenn.

His children were 8, as follows:

First wife:

a—Susan.                      b—Josiah.                      c—William.

Second wife:

d—Mary L.                      e—Angeline.                      f—Henry E.

g—Nathan.                      h—James D.

a—Susan Gass married a Mr. Cauley, and went to Texas. She has a large family of children. Nothing more is known concerning her.

b & c—Josiah and William Gass both died unmarried after they reached the age of manhood.

d—Mary L. Gass was born in Smith County, Tenn., March 11, 1874. She married Mack Vaden in 1892. She has 7 children, 2 daughters and 5 sons, names unknown. Mr. Vaden is a farmer. Address, probably Stonewall, Tenn.

e—Angeline Gass was born in Smith Co., Tenn., Sept.

21, 1875. She married Henry H. Lynch, a farmer, in 1895. She has 5 children, 2 boys and 3 girls.

f—Henry E. Gass was born in Putnam Co., Tenn., Nov. 23, 1877. He married Bertie L. Gass, a daughter of Timothy L. Gass, in Crittenden Co., Ky., in 1902.

g—Nathan Gass was born in DeKalb Co., Tenn., June 23, 1880. He is a mechanic, and at present is Foreman in the Repair Department of Delker Bros.' Buggy Co. at Henderson, Ky. He married Esther F. Ligon at Henderson, Ky., Dec. 25, 1904. They have 1 child, Ernest L. Gass, born July 9, 1908.

h—James D. Gass was born in DeKalb Co., Tenn., June 11, 1884. He is unmarried, and lives in or near Tyler, Mo.

10—Jasper Newton Gass was born in Smith Co., Tenn., about the year 1833. He was a farmer all his life. He never married. He died on his farm about 2 miles south-east of Marion, Ky., in September, 1905.

11—Joseph Van Buren Gass was born in Smith Co., Tenn., about the year 1836. He moved to Crittenden Co., Ky., in 1859. In that county he married Nancy Marvel in 1861. In 1869, he went to Kansas, and after a short stay started back, and at some point in Western Missouri in getting his rifle out of his wagon to shoot at a deer that was running past the gun was accidentally discharged, he was shot through the head and instantly killed. His wife made her way back to Crittenden Co., Ky., with their 4 children. They were:

a—Mary Green.

c—William.

b—Fountain Pitts.

d—James.

1—Mary Green Gass married William Henry Hughes (generally called Bud), a son of J. Harvey Hughes, near Weston, Crittenden Co., Ky. He was a farmer and a very excellent man. He was not related to our family of Hugheses. He died very early in life. Her children are 3 in number, 1 daughter and 2 sons. I have been unable to obtain their names. Mary Green lives at Weston, Ky.



2—Fountain Pitts was somewhere in Illinois when last heard from.

3—William Gass never married. He was engaged in teaming when he died about the year 1893.

4—James Gass was last heard from in Eastern Kentucky. So far as known he has never married.

This closes the sketch of the children of the first wife of Joseph Gass.

12—James Paris Gass, oldest child of Joseph Gass and his second wife, Elizabeth (Paris) Gass, was born in Smith Co., Tenn., Sept. 13, 1845. On Sept. 2, 1868, he married Mary Jane Lynn, a daughter of Newton Lynn. She died Jan. 28, 1877. On Jan. 16, 1878, he married his cousin, Judith Clay Paris, a daughter of Pleasant and Nancy Paris. James P. has always followed the business of farming. His address is Marion, Ky.

The children of these two marriages have been 6. as follows:

First wife:

a—Emily Elizabeth.                      b—Richard Barnett.

c—Silas McMurray.

Second wife:

d—Hardy Boze.                      e—Joseph Cecil.

f—Lena Ellen.

a—Emily Elizabeth Gass was born July 12, 1869. She married Wyatt Lafayette Hunt, a son of John and Sallie (Paris) Hunt. He is a farmer. Address, Marion, Ky.

b—Richard Barnett Gass was born July 18, 1871, and died Nov. 6, 1874.

c—Silas McMurray Gass was born in Crittenden Co., Ky., March 3, 1875. He married Althea Lee James, a daughter of William Daniel and Nancy Jane (Paris) James. They are cousins three times removed.

d—Hardy Boze Gass was born Dec. 10, 1880. He married Nonie Crayne, a daughter of Joseph A. Crayne. He is a farmer. Address, Marion, Ky.

e—Joseph Cecil Gass was born July 4, 1885. He died July 19, 1896.

f—Lena Ellen Gass was born May 28, 1894, and died May 7, 1905.

13 & 14—William and Zachary Taylor Gass both died in early childhood about 1850 or '51.

15—Fountain Pitts Gass was taken in 1860 to Western Missouri by his half-brother, Leander Hughes, who was his guardian. He died there at the age of about 14, I think in the early part of the Civil War.

16—Richard Barnett Gass, youngest of Joseph Gass' children, was born in Smith County, Tenn., June 5, 1851. He attended school at the Masonic Institute at New Middleton, Tenn., and recived a good education. He spent a few years in the mercantile business, but the greater part of his life has been spent in teaching in Smith Co., Tenn., and Crittenden Co., Ky. He moved in 1885 from the former to the latter, where he resided till about 1900 when he received an appointment in the U. S. Internal Revenue service as Storekeeper-Gauger, and soon afterwards moved to Henderson, Ky., where he still resides, and still holds his position in the public service. He has been twice married. His first wife was Margaret Elizabeth Twidwell, a daughter of George W. and Mary (Paris) Twidwell. They were second cousins. They married in Smith Co., Tenn., April 27, 1870. Margaret died in Henderson, Ky., April 1, 1909. The second wife was Mrs. Sarah Jane McCoy, a widow, in Henderson, Ky., whom he married on April 9, 1910. Her name before her first marriage was Smith. She was a daughter of Charles Smith, of Butler Co., Ky. She has 2 children of the first marriage, as follows:

1—Zula G McCoy.

2—Vernon W. McCoy.

His children, all of the first marriage are 6, as follows:

a—Martha Jane.

d—Joseph Garfield.

b—Lina Elizabeth.

e—Alvin Hawkins.

c—George Arthur.

f—Lacy McKinley.

a—Martha Jane Gass (generally called Mattie) was born in Smith Co., Tenn., Aug. 8, 1873. She married Charles McMican in Crittenden Co., Ky. She died in that

county on Aug. 12, 1895, leaving 1 child, a son, named Oliver Perry McMican. From the time of his mother's death, his home has been with his grand-father Gass. He is now a bright and promising boy of 15. He holds the position of assistant cashier in the People's Savings Bank at Henderson, Ky.

b—Lina Elizabeth Gass was born in Smith Co., Tenn., April 21, 1877. She married Joshua Condor in Henderson, Ky., Dec. 24, 1905. Mr. Condor is a mechanic. No children. Address, Henderson, Ky.

c—George Arthur Gass was born in Smith Co., Tenn., June 13, 1879. He married Florence Ligon in Henderson, Ky., in September, 1905. He died in Henderson, Ky., July 16, 1906, leaving no children.

d—Joseph Garfield Gass was born in Smith Co., Tenn., Sept. 20, 1881. He married Blanche Melton in Henderson, Ky., in November, 1905. He was a mechanic. He died in Henderson, Ky., Nov. 13, 1907, leaving 1 child, a son, named Vilas Arthur. The widow lives at Henderson, Ky.

e—Alvin Hawkins Gass was born in Crittenden Co., Ky., May 4, 1887. He married Annie Ligon Oct. 2, 1907. He is a mechanic and street car man. Address, Henderson, Ky. There is 1 child of this marriage, named Margaret Iola.

f—Lacy McKinley Gass, the youngest child of Richard Barnett Gass, was born in January, 1894, and died when about one year old.

This closes the record of the Gass family.

## CHAPTER XII.

### John Boze and Katy Wells.

John Boze was a poor country boy, reared and hardened for the most strenuous duties of life, amid the mountains of Eastern Wales. Just across the boundary line in England lived pretty Katy Wells. John loved Katy and Katy loved John; but John's family was poor while Katy's was rich, or at least it was more pretentious than John's, and Katy's parents set the ban of their disapproval upon the fondness of the young couple for each other. With haughty pride they reminded Katy of the great gulf that lay between her and John Boze, and finally forbade the boy to again approach the Wells mansion.

Here we have a striking exemplification of the old alliterative adage, "love laughs at lock-smiths." When the young couple had exhausted all other resources, had used every argument to obtain the parental consent, they secretly bade farewell to the home of their childhood, to the dear green hills and purling crystal streams of Cornwall and of Wales, the scenes that they loved so well, that had become a part of their being, but which they were destined never again to behold; and made their way to the coast, and took shipping for America. After the usual incidents attending a trip across the Atlantic in an old-time sail vessel, they landed with empty pockets, but bouyant spirits, in Virginia, most probably at Norfolk, where they were married in simple American style. Either then or later, they pushed westward, probably by successive moves till they reached Halifax county, then practically an unbroken wilderness. This was about the year 1750, or probably a few years later. Here in the very lap of nature, inhaling the sweetness of the wild rose, together with an abundance of malaria, serenaded



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by wolves at night, and regaled by the song of the mocking bird in the morning, poor in purse, but with the love and fear of God in their hearts, they passed the remainder of their lives. To this marriage were born 4 children, 3 sons and 1 daughter, as follows:

1—Richard.

3—Hardy.

2—Griffin.

4—Katie or Kittie.

When the war for American independence commenced John and the two oldest sons, Richard and Griffin all enlisted in the American army, and according to the family tradition, served through the war. It is certainly true that they all enlisted and served long terms whether they served entirely through the war or not. Hardy, the youngest son, offered to enlist, but was rejected on account of his age, he being only 13 at the time. He remained at home, and took care of his mother and sister, as well, perhaps, as could be expected of a boy of his age. He was my maternal great-grand-father. It appears that later in life Hardy served in some of the Indian wars, and tradition says that he served in the War of 1812.

After the close of the Revolutionary War, the father and the two older boys returned home. The father died soon after, and Richard and Griffin married, but I have not learned the names of their wives, nor do I know anything further of their history. I think they spent their entire lives in Virginia. Kitty married John or Jack Hastings. Her son, Jack Hastings, married in Virginia, and afterwards moved to Smith Co., Tenn., and remained there a while, but appears to have moved away, and all trace of him and his descendants has been lost.

Hardy, after the death of his father, was apprenticed to a carpenter, and after serving out his apprenticeship, married Peggy Brooks, whose parents were English, and about the time of his marriage, or soon after, he moved westward from Halifax to Lunenburg Co., Va. In the year 1804, he having then been married about 13 or 14 years, started on the long, toilsome and dangerous journey of several hundred miles, through gloomy forest soli-

tudes, over rugged mountains and across unbridged streams, to Smith Co., Tenn., then little more than a wilderness. The greater part of the country through which he passed was very sparsely inhabited, while there were long stretches without a human habitation. The mountain fastnesses were infested with bands of robbers that rendered travel very unsafe. The country was almost destitute of roads, each emigrant getting over them as best he could, doing only so much work as would enable him to pass, and leaving the next man to take care of himself.

The usual lines of travel at that day lay almost directly across the labyrinth of parallel ridges that constitute the Appalachian chain. After crossing a valley, the emigrant would hunt for a place where a creek debouched into the valley, and would follow that stream, some times on one side, and again on the other, clinging to the mountain side, men, women and children pushing to assist the team in ascending, often using guy ropes to prevent the vehicle from turning over, and rolling down the mountain side. When the summit was reached, the team would frequently be detached from the wagon, and while one strong man would manipulate the tongue, all hands, with ropes and every available means, would ease the vehicle down.

In crossing one of the many ranges, I think it was the Cumberland mountain, grand-father Boze's wagon was overturned, and his oldest child, Nancy Griffin, my grandmother, then 12 years old, had her right arm broken. Here we have an eloquent reminder of the toils, hardships, privations, dangers and sufferings that were endured by those men, women and children that by incredible toil and suffering made possible the happiness and prosperity that we now enjoy. With few exceptions, they belonged to that brave, hardy, large-hearted, unselfish, uncomplaining, heroic class of men and women that in all the ages, have led the van of civilization, and laid deep and strong, the foundations of empire. For the benefit of posterity, they sail the stormy deep. They land upon unknown shores, and invade and subdue the rugged and stubborn



forces of nature. They clear away the tangled brake, level the forest, tunnel the mountains and bridge the rivers. They cause populous and opulent cities to rise where erstwhile was heard only the howling of wild beasts and the still more hideous yell of the savage; they make the desert to bloom like a flower garden. With bleeding feet they tread down the thorns where succeeding generations in satin slippers walk daintily over beds of roses.

Here was this child of tender years with her arm broken in the midst of a howling wilderness, without the chance of medical or surgical treatment except such as the family with clumsy, though loving hands, could give. It is very probable that that arm was not seen by a physician or surgeon till the time had been reached when all professional treatment must be unavailing. At the time of the accident weeks of travel yet lay before them, all of which must be made through a forest, dotted by a small clearing and a cabin only at long intervals, the poor child sustaining several jolts for each revolution of the wheel, and in a clumsy, rumbling vehicle, compared with which a modern log wagon would be preferable for easy riding. Under all these incredible difficulties this child must traverse all those long weary miles, often, no doubt, compelled to walk long distances with her arm in a sling. Out of all these sufferings she came seriously crippled for life. To the time of her death she had only a partial use of her right arm.

At last their Western home was reached, and what was that home? A camp-fire in the midst of gloomy forests, and interminable cane brakes, but with a soil of unsurpassed fertility, and pure, crystal spring water without stint.

"A solitude of vast extent, untouched  
By hand, of art; where nature sow'd herself,  
And reap'd her crops."

Hardy Boze appears to have settled down first on the north side of the Cumberland river, which divides Smith County, running west. At some later period, but exactly

when I do not know, he moved over to the south side and settled on the Caney Fork opposite the mouth of Bluff Creek, and about 3 miles from Carthage. Here he lived till after the death of his wife. Some years after her death he abandoned housekeeping, and spent the remainder of his life with his children. He died in the late summer of 1850. His age at the time of his death was between 85 and 90. The remains of both his wife and himself repose in the quiet, secluded, old-fashioned graveyard on the bank of the Caney Fork at the head of Pipers Island not exceeding 200 yards from the spot where stood the house in which they lived so long. He lived a most exemplary and blameless life, but was not a success in the accumulation of worldly pelf. He died a poor man; but he has a large number of descendants in that locality that have proven to be very thrifty, successful men.

Hardy Boze reared a family of 12 children, 5 sons and 7 daughters. Named as nearly in the order of their ages as can now be ascertained, they were as follows:

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|------------------|-------------|
| 1—Nancy Griffin. | 7—Ann.      |
| 2—Susan.         | 8—Judith.   |
| 3—Peggy.         | 9—James.    |
| 4—Katy.          | 10—Richard. |
| 5—John.          | 11—Millie.  |
| 6—William.       | 12—Josiah.  |

1—Nancy Griffin married Joseph Gass. The sketch of her married life will be found under head of Joseph Gass, *Supra*.

2—Susan Boze married Joseph Smith. The family moved to Missouri, but returned. I think, however, that Mr. Smith died in Missouri. Children 5, as follows:

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|---------------|----------------------|
| a—John Hardy. | c—Margaret or Peggy. |
| b—Joseph.     | d—Rachel.            |
| e—Eleazar.    |                      |

a—John Hardy Smith married Susan Gellaspe. He was a farmer and trader, a prominent citizen. He served as constable, and was Sheriff from 1866 to '68.

b—Joseph Smith married Nancy Gibbs, his cousin. He lost his life during the Civil War. The children of this marriage were 10, as follows:

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|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1—Eleazer.  | 2—Paralee.   | 3—Sarah Jane. |
| 4—Americus. | 5—Joe Henry. | 6—Tennessee.  |
| 7—Richard.  | 8—Frederick. | 9—Eveline.    |
| 10—Emeline. |              |               |

c—Peggy Smith married Americus D. Boulton, her cousin. Their children were 4, as follows:

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|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 1—Edward Haney. | 3—Napoleon Bonaparte. |
| 2—Isaac.        | 4—Virginia.           |

d—Rachel Smith married Henry Douglas Gass, her cousin. For their children see Henry Douglass Gass, *Supra*.

e—Eleazer Smith was married, I think, 3 times or more. His first wife was a Miss Whitley, his second, a Miss Lack, and his third a Miss Hunt.

3—Peggy Boze married Archibald Gibbs. She died about the year 1858 or '59, having survived her husband several years. Her children were 11. I give them below, but I can not say that the list is in the exact order of their ages. I think it is approximately so:

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|------------|--------------|
| a—John.    | f—Rachel.    |
| b—William. | g—Judith.    |
| c—Ann.     | h—Fannie.    |
| d—Nancy.   | i—Frederick. |
| e—Henry.   | j—Josiah.    |

k—Richard.

a—John Gibbs was a very prosperous and successful farmer. He lived on a very fertile farm on the Caney Fork about 2 miles from Carthage on the road leading from Cedar Point church to the mouth of the Caney Fork. He died more than 30 years ago. I regret that I have not the exact date. He was twice married. His first wife was Huldah or Mahulda Perkins. His second was Polly Paty. The children of the two marriages were 7, as follows:

First wife:

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|---------|-----------|
| 1—Mary. | 2—Martha. |
|---------|-----------|

Second wife:

3—James Carroll.

5—Margaret Elizabeth.

4—Van Allen.

6—Lemuel Harrison.

7—Alexander.

1—Mary Gibbs married Francis Marion Gass, her second cousin. See sketch of Francis Marion Gass.

2—Martha Gibbs married Thomas Henry Hughes. See sketch of Thomas Henry Hughes.

3—James Carroll Gibbs married Patsey Petty, a daughter of Henderson Petty. He is a very progressive and successful farmer. Address, Bluff Creek, Tennessee.

4—Van Allen Gibbs married Mrs. Letitia Herald, a daughter of Lawson Allen, who had first married Bridges Herald, a son of Van Herald. He is a thrifty farmer. Address Bluff Creek, Tenn.

5—Margaret Elizabeth Gibbs married James Moss, of Gordonsville, Tenn.

6—Lemuel Harrison Gibbs married Rachel Gass, a daughter of Henry Douglas Gass, and his second wife, Carey (Duncan) Gass. See sketch of Henry Douglas Gass.

7—Alexander Gibbs married Judith Gibbs, a daughter of Felix Gibbs. They are second cousins.

b—William Gibbs was married 3 times. His first wife was Hepsy Vaden, a daughter of John L. Vaden. His second was the widow of Robert Vaden, his first wife's brother. I have not been informed as to her name before marriage or her Christian name. His third was Martha Cox. He was a thrifty, well-to-do farmer. He died Nov. 30, 1908, at the advanced age of 94 years.

c—Ann Gibbs married John Jones. He was a farmer and a provident man. Both he and his wife died many years ago.

d—Nancy Gibbs married Joseph Smith, her cousin. I have been fortunate enough to get a list of their 10 children which have been given under the head of Joseph Smith.

e—Henry Gibbs, generally called Tobe, was twice married. His first wife was Harriet Whitley. His second

was Martha Stallings. He was an industrious and successful farmer.

f—Rachel Gibbs married James Cooper. Their children were 6, as follows:

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|--------------|------------|-----------|
| 1—Timothy.   | 2—Francis. | 3—Joe.    |
| 4—Frederick. | 5—Richard. | 6—Amanda. |

It is very probable that at least some of the above have middle names, but if so I have failed to get them.

g—Judith Gibbs never married. She died many years ago.

h—Fannie Gibbs, the only one of her mother's children now living, married William Boze, her cousin. He was a son of Richard Boze. They live in Missouri. There were 3 children:

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|-----------|----------|------------|
| 1—Josiah. | 2—James. | 3—Barbara. |
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i—Frederick Gibbs married Kizie Lynch. He lost an arm in the Confederate army. He died at the Confederate Soldiers' Home near Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 25, 1908.

j—Josiah Gibbs died unmarried just as he reached manhood, about 1857 or '58.

k—Richard Gibbs married Tennessee Wagoner, a daughter of Jacob Wagoner. He died several years ago. His children are 5, as follows:

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|-----------|------------------|-----------|
| 1—Lee.    | 2—Richard.       | 3—Hettie. |
| 4—Maggie. | 5—Mary Herschel. |           |

4—Katy Boze married Charles Boulton. He was a well-to-do farmer, who lived in Bolton's Bend, on Caney Fork, on an exceedingly fertile farm of several hundred acres. He owned a large number of slaves, to whom he was always kind and considerate. He died in 1857. His wife survived him several years. Their children were 10 in number, 5 sons and 5 daughters, as follows:

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|---------------------|-------------------------|
| a—Hanse.            | f—Pernetie or Pernecie. |
| b—Americus D.       | g—Araminta Cheek.       |
| c—James.            | t—Judith.               |
| d—Charles.          | i—Arlisha.              |
| e—Thomas Jefferson. | j—Emily.                |

Taking the whole family, the above list does not show

the order of age. The sons and the daughters were given me separate, and of course their births did not occur, as the above list would indicate.

a—Hanse Boulton married Mary M. Mann, a daughter of Stephen Mann, Sr. He moved to Missouri or Texas between 1855 and '60. Nothing more is known of him.

b—Americus D. Boulton first married Peggy Smith, his cousin. After her death he married Mrs. Eveline Hughes, widow of Samuel B. Hughes and a daughter of James Boulton. They were first cousins. He died about the close of the Civil War.

c—James Boulton was three times married. His first wife was Betsy Armistead, a sister of Alex, Joe and John Armistead. His second wife was Betty, a daughter of James Sanders. His third wife was Scynthia Hale. He is still living in Smith Co., Tenn., at the age of 86.

d—Charles Boulton married Martha Taylor, a daughter of Thomas Taylor. He went to Missouri more than 50 years ago.

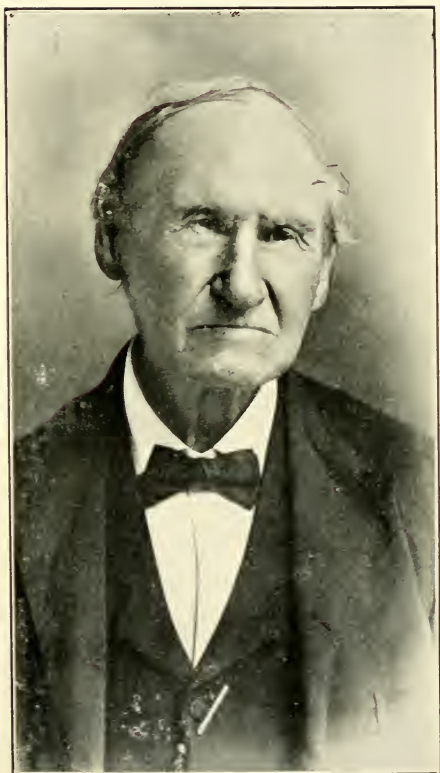
e—Thomas Jefferson Boulton married Sarah Phene Ellen Andrews, a daughter of Jesse B. Andrews. He went to Missouri more than 50 years ago

f—Pernetie married George McGee. She died nearly or quite 60 years ago in Smith County, Tenn.

g—Araminta Boulton married Henry Jefferson Perkins, a most excellent man, a farmer, who spent the last 30 years or more of his life at Stonewall, Tenn. He survived his wife, and married a second time. Araminta is the only one of her father's family, a list of whose children has been furnished me. They are 12 as follows:

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1—William Robinson.  | 7—Gabriel Alexander. |
| 2—Frances Elizabeth. | 8—Josiah Hallum.     |
| 3—Felix Grundy.      | 9—Judith Hatton.     |
| 4—Charlottie Temple. | 10—Martha Lee.       |
| 5—Henry Boulton.     | 11—Amelia Catharine. |
| 6—Mary Susan.        | 12—Charles Thomas.   |

1—William Robinson Perkins is not married. Occupation, a farmer and teacher. Address, Stonewall, Tenn.



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2—Frances Elizabeth Perkins married James Americus Durham, a physician. He died July 3, 1910.

3—Felix Grundy Perkins married Frances Elizabeth Gordon, a daughter of Mathew Alexander Gordon. She died about 1875. He is a farmer. Address, Stonewall, Tenn.

4—Charlottie Temple Perkins married David Nichols. He died at Cowlington, Indian Territory. He was a farmer. It appears that his wife is also dead.

5—Henry Boulton Perkins married Cassie Meachum. He is a farmer. Address, Hartsville, Tenn.

6—Mary Susan Perkins married John Cowin. She died near Chestnut Mound, Tenn. Mr. Cowin's address is Hartsville, Tenn.

7—Gabriel Alexander Perkins married first Mollie Adams; second Mrs. Minnie Woods, both of California. He is a real estate agent. Address, Madeira, California.

8—Josiah Hallum Perkins married Mary Farmer. He is a farmer. Address, La Junta, Colorado.

9—Judith Hatton Perkins married John Gordon, oldest son of Matthew Alexander Gordon. He died at Madeira, California, in the fall of 1909.

10—Martha Lee Perkins married Marshall Meachum. Address, Stonewall, Tenn.

11—Amelia Catharine Perkins was twice married. Her first husband was William Minton, a grand-son of Thomas Minton. Her second husband was Albert White, of San Francisco, Cal.

12—Charles Thomas Perkins married Eva Ligon, a daughter of Lafayette Ligon.

h—Judith Boulton was twice married. She first married Joseph Armistead, a brother of Alex. Armistead. He died about 1857 or '58. Her second husband was Andrew Hubbard.

i—Arlisha Boulton married John Andrews. She was his second wife. She died in Caldwell Co., Ky., many years ago.

j—Emily Boulton married James Solomon Thompson, generally called Tine Thompson.

5—John Boze married first Sallie Perkins, second Parthenia Brown. I know nothing of his children.

6—William Boze married Mrs. Betsie McGee, a widow, the mother of John, George and Hiram McGee. They had no children.

7—Ann Boze married Christopher Wyatt. Soon after her marriage, while passing under Dripping Rock bluff on the Caney Fork, over a narrow and precarious foot-path, accompanied only by her aged mother, she lost her footing, fell into the river, which at that point is both deep and swift, and drowned before aid could reach her. She left no children.

8—Judith Boze married Philip Gaulden. They moved away from Smith Co., Tenn., and I know nothing further concerning their history.

9—James Boze was twice married. His first wife was Eliza Brown. His second was Lucy Parrott, a daughter of Benjamin Parrott. James Boze moved to Southeast Missouri about 1848.

10—Richard Boze married Mary Ann Brown. He moved to Southeast Missouri about 1851.

11—Millie Boze married John O. Paty. They moved to Southeast Missouri about 1870.

12—Josiah Boze married Parthenia Fulks. He moved to Southeast Missouri about 1853 or '54.

The 3 women named Brown, that married John, James and Richard Boze, respectively, were sisters. They were daughters of William Brown (Uncle Billy).

This closes the very brief account of the children of my maternal great-grand-father, Hardy Boze. I regret that I could not give more information concerning their children, but it was impossible for me to do so.

## CHAPTER XIII.

### John Ward and Holly Mangrum.

Because of the extensive and intimate relationship existing between the Hughes and Ward families I give below a very brief history of the older members of the latter family, although they were primarily not related at all to our family.

In the days of the cane brakes, not far from the year 1800, John Ward came from Eastern Virginia to Smith Co., Tenn., and settled in the wilderness about 1½ miles west of the home of John Gordon, around which, in later years, grew up the thriving village of Gordonsville. Either before or soon after Mr. Ward made his settlement as stated, a road was opened from Trousdale's ferry to Nashville. This road ran along the south side of his farm. At some time about that period a road was opened from Carthage to Gordon's. That road ran along the east or north-east side of his farm, intersecting the other road at the south-east corner of the Ward land. Thus was the Ward place situated in the angle formed by these two roads. The farm is now the property of Thomas J. Winfrey.

Before coming to Smith County, Mr. Ward had married Holly Mangrum in Virginia. She appears to have been the only child of Mourning Mangrum. The name of Mourning Mangrum before her first marriage and the Christian name of her husband are both unknown to the writer. After the death of Mr. Mangrum, the widow married James Thomas, and became the mother of Champion T., Diggs W. and Solomon Thomas, all well known in Smith Co., Tenn., from 50 to 60 years ago. Diggs W. married Judith Paris, a daughter of Obadiah Paris, reared a large family, and moved to Johnson Co., Mo., in 1855.

There he passed the remainder of his life. Champion and Solomon spent their entire lives in Smith Co., Tenn.

Now, to return to John and Holly Ward. Like so many of the men that settled and helped to mould the future destiny of that country, and to stamp their imperishable impress upon it, Mr. Ward appears to have been a man of unblemished character and sterling qualities. He and his wife spent the last half century of their lives on the farm that I have tried to describe. There Mr. Ward died Dec. 6, 1847, and his wife, Holly on Aug. 14, 1855. I regret that I have not the dates of their births. Mrs. Ward's mother, Mrs. Mourning Thomas, died at a very advanced age, I think a year or two after the death of her daughter, Mrs. Ward. The Ward children were 9 in number, as follows:

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|-------------|-------------------------|
| 1—Nathan.   | 5—Sterling.             |
| 2—Avan.     | 6—Dr. Meredith Gilbert. |
| 3—Louisa.   | 7—Salena.               |
| 4—Nancy.    | 8—Fielding.             |
| 9—Mary Ann. |                         |

1—Nathan Ward, was twice married. His first wife was Lucy Lea. Hughes, a daughter of Little Berry Hughes, Sr. For a sketch of their children, see Lucy Lea Hughes. His second wife was Harriet Moores, a daughter of the widow Moores, who lived just west of New Middleton, Tenn. The children of this second marriage were 9, as follows:

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| a—James Moores. | e—Bettie.          |
| b—Josie.        | f—Samuel Campbell. |
| c—John Brown.   | g—Peyton Mangrum.  |
| d—Richard.      | h—Henry Clay.      |
| i—Nathan.       |                    |

a—James Moores Ward married Martha Kyle. He died in the Confederate army.

b—Josie Ward married John Bailey. She is dead.

c—John Brown Ward married Penelope Stevens.

d—Richard Ward died unmarried.

e—Bettie Ward married Samuel G. Johnson. She is dead.

f—Samuel Campbell Ward married Mary Wooten.

g—Peyton Mangrum Ward married Tennie Tracy.

h—Henry Clay Ward married Willie Shaw. He is dead.

i—Nathan Ward. If married, name of wife is not known.

2—Avan Ward first married Elizabeth Walker Hughes, a daughter of Little Berry Hughes, Sr. For a sketch of their children, see Elizabeth Walker Hughes. His second wife was Arabella Kyle, a daughter of Bartley Kyle. There were no children of the second marriage.

3—Louisa Ward married Peter Porter. She was his second wife. They moved to Missouri in 1852. Their children were 8, as follows:

a—Holly Ward.

e—John Ward.

b—Nancy Gardner.

f—William Fielding.

c—Sarah Lee.

g—Louisa Blanton.

d—Harriet Ann.

h—Irene.

a—Holly Ward Porter married Jesse Paris Hughes, of whom a history has been given.

b—Nancy Gardner Porter died unmarried at Dunksburg, Mo., at about the age of 22.

c—Sarah Lee Porter died when about 2 years old.

d—Harriet Ann Porter married Robert W. Tharington. She died near Knob Noster, Mo.

e—John Ward Porter married his cousin Fannie Griselda Harper, a daughter of Mathew and Mary Ann (Ward) Harper. They live at Sweet Springs, Mo.

f—William Fielding Porter married twice. His first wife was Mary Porter, a second cousin. After her death he married Mrs. Alice Stokes. They live at Ellis, Kansas.

g—Louisa Blanton Porter married Waters B. Hamilton. She died at Ellis, Kansas.

h—Irene Porter died when 2 years old.

Rev. James Stephens Porter was the youngest child of Peter Porter's first marriage, was born in Carthage,

Smith, Co., Tenn., Aug. 16, 1825. His mother's name before marriage, was Matilda Armstrong, a daughter of John Armstrong, an old Revolutionary soldier. She was born in Virginia and died in Carthage, Tenn., Sept. 2, 1826. She was the mother of 4 children, as follows:

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1—Martha Jane.      | 3—Alexander Armstrong. |
| 2—Parthenia Walton. | 4—James Stephens.      |

The last named is the subject of this sketch. On Sept. 29, 1844, he married Mary P. Tuck, a daughter of Powell and Edney Tuck, in Smith Co., Tenn. She died in Missouri Nov. 17, 1862. He married Ruth Bigham, his second wife, March 5, 1865. She died in Rich Hill, Mo., May 5, 1908.

In 1848, Mr. Porter moved from Smith Co., Tenn., to Butler Co., Ky., and to Missouri in 1859. He has been a minister in the Methodist Episcopal church for nearly 60 years. His present address is Rich Hill, Mo. His children have been 10, as follows:

First wife:

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|----------------------|-------------|
| 1—Erastus Alexander. | 5—Peter.    |
| 2—Edna Matilda.      | 6—Nannie.   |
| 3—Silas D.           | 7—Powell M. |
| 4—Nathaniel Lee.     | 8—Louisa.   |

Second wife:

- |               |                    |
|---------------|--------------------|
| 9—John Edwin. | 10—James Benjamin. |
|---------------|--------------------|

1—Erastus Alexander Porter was in the Union army under Sherman during the last year of the Civil War, and was engaged in some of the most sanguinary battles of that war, including Franklin and Nashville, Tenn. He was mustered out in broken health at St. Louis, Mo., in 1865. After regaining his health he went to school 2 years, and then taught 2 years. He then studied for the ministry, was ordained to preach, and was admitted to the St. Louis Conference of the M. E. Church, and became an able preacher. He died in Rich Hill, Mo., in 1899. He had married Lee Ann Porter, his cousin.

2—Edna Matilda married her fourth cousin, John W. Porter. Address, Rich Hill, Mo.

3—Silas D. Porter married Phoebe Spurgeon. He is a dealer in live stock. Address, Sweet Springs, Mo.

4—Nathaniel Lee Porter married Rose M. Current. He is engaged in real estate and insurance. Address, Lincoln, Nebraska.

5—Peter Porter married Mrs. Minnie Corkery, a widow. Address, Merrell, Klamath Co., Oregon.

6—Nannie Porter married M. L. Van Meter. Address, Olene, Klamath Co., Oregon.

7—Powell M. Porter, now deceased, married Ettie Roberts.

8—Louisa Porter married L W. Carter. She died, but I am not advised as to the time of her death.

9—John Edwin Porter is a practicing physician in Knob Noster, Mo. He married Lizzie Senior.

10—James Benjamin Porter married Mrs. Anna Smith, a widow. Her maiden name was Anna Oldham. He is Auditor for the Missouri Pacific railroad. His address is 5232, Morgan Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

4—Nancy Ward married Little Berry Hughes, Jr., whose history has been given.

5—Sterling Ward never married. He was a merchant all the days of his life, in partnership, first with his brother Nathan, and later with his nephew-in-law, John Gardner Bransford. He lived, and died at Upper New Middleton, about 2 or 2½ miles west of the paternal homestead, on the Trousdale's ferry and Nashville road. He died in the 70's.

6—Dr. Meredith Gilbert Ward was twice married. His first wife was Miss Carter, who lived in or about Rome in Smith Co., Tenn. She died in probably less than year after marriage, leaving no children. After her death, Dr. Ward married Miss Elizabeth Hicks Wheeler, a most excellent and cultured lady of Philadelphia, Pa., with whom he became acquainted while he was attending medical lectures in that city. He was a very skillful and successful physician. Immediately, or very soon after his second marriage he moved to Knob Noster, Mo., where



he died in 1871 in the midst of a large and lucrative practice. After his death his widow went to Kansas City, Mo., and resided with her daughter, Mrs. Pennington. She died there April 22, 1901, and her children took her remains back to Knob Noster, Mo., where she was laid to rest beside her husband.

Dr. Ward's children were 4, as follows:

a—Eugene Alonzo.

c—Kate.

b—Emily Frances.

d—William Sterling.

a—Eugene Alonzo Ward, after receiving a good education, studied for the medical profession, attended lectures at the school in Philadelphia from which his father had graduated. He completed his course and graduated, and was just entering upon the practice when he died unmarried at Nob Noster, Mo., in 1874, at the age of about 23.

b—Emily Frances Ward is not married. She lives with her married sister, Mrs. Pennington, in Kansas City, Mo.

c—Kate Ward married Albert Otho Tyler Pennington. Their address is 3611, Olive St., Kansas City, Mo.

a—William Sterling Ward is not married. He is a telegraph operator. He is in Chicago at present.

7—Salena Ward married Burr Feagan. They moved to Western Missouri about 1855. Both died many years ago, on a farm near Dunksburg in Pettis County. The wife died first. Their children were 6, as follows:

a—John Ward.

d—William.

b—Stanton.

e—Mary.

c—Wilhelmina.

f—Rasha.

a—John Ward Feagan married Nannie Ferrel. Address, Malta Bend, Saline Co., Mo.

b—Stanton Feagan married Ret Halker. Address, Knob Noster, Mo.

c—Wilhelmina Feagan married Wallace Patrick. Address, Knob Noster, Mo., or Lamont, Mo.

d—William Feagan died of smallpox in St. Louis.

e—Mary Feagan has married twice. Her first hus-



band was William Whitfield. Her second is John Webb. Address, Warrensburg, Mo.

f—Rasha Feagan's address is Malta Bend, Saline Co., Mo. I have not been able to obtain the name of his wife.

8—Fielding Ward was born March 20, 1818. He married Mary Moores. She died in Smith Co., Tenn., Nov. 7, 1857. In October, 1858, he moved to Pettis Co., Mo. He died at Lamont, Mo., June 20, 1888. There were 3 children of this marriage, as follows:

a—Robert Campbell. b—Samuel Bridgewater.

c—John Asbury.

a—Robert Campbell Ward was born July 31, 1847, and died unmarried May 3, 1879.

b—Samuel Bridgewater Ward was born in Smith Co., Tenn., Sept. 7, 1849. He has married three times. In March, 1876, he married Alice Porter, who died April 26, 1879. On March 13, 1884, he married Ina M. Yarnell, who died June 13, 1896. His third wife is Frances P. Blewett, whom he married Feb. 22, 1899. His address is Higginsville, Mo. No children are reported of the second and third marriages. Of the first there were 2 children, as follows:

1—Mary Nancy, deceased.

2—William Fielding, born Aug. 20, 1878. He has 1 child, a son, named Harold Samuel, born Oct. 16, 1905. Name of wife not given.

c—John Asbury Ward was born in Smith Co., Tenn., Oct. 10, 1851. He married Alice Guyer in Missouri. Address, 400, East Broad Street, Warrensburg, Mo. There are 2 children of this marriage, as follows:

1—Charles R., deceased.

2—Thomas.

9—Mary Ann Ward, youngest child of John and Holly (Mangrum) Ward, married Matthew Harper, Jr. He was most generally called Mack. He was a farmer and trader. He built and launched and laded the last flat boat that was ever built on the old boat yard at the mouth of Mulherrin's creek, where that stream unites with the Caney Fork, and where so many flat boats were built, and

laded and started on their long journey to New Orleans during the first half of the last century. It was in 1850 that this last boat was built at that yard. My father at the time was living across the river opposite the boat yard and worked on the boat during its building. I saw the boat launched. The steamboat was then rapidly supplanting the flat boat and keel boat in the river carrying trade, just as the railroad has now crowded out the steamboat. What next? The airship?

About the year 1854 or '55 Mr. Harper and his family moved to Pettis Co., Mo., and at some later period moved to Nebraska, where both he and his wife died several years ago. The children of this marriage that survived the age of infancy were 6, as follows:

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| a—Fannie Grisselda. | d—Joseph Richard. |
| b—Avan Walkup.      | e—Mack Sterling.  |
| c—John Gardner.     | f—Sallie Holly.   |

a—Fannie Grisselda Harper married her cousin John Ward Porter, son of Peter and Louisa (Ward) Porter. He is a prosperous farmer. Address, Sweet Springs, Mo.

b—Avan Walkup Harper has been twice married. He first married Maggie Edwards. His second wife was Joanna Edwards, a cousin of his first wife. He is a cattle dealer. Address Demar, Kansas.

c—John Gardner Harper married Ida Galbreath. She died about June, 1910. His occupation is manufacturing concrete for building purposes. Address, 800, West Sixteenth St., Kansas City, Mo.

d—Joseph Richard Harper married Lillie Bell Bolejack. He is engaged in the livery business. Address, South Auburn, Nebraska.

e—Mack Sterling Harper is not married. He is a carpenter. I failed to get his address.

f—Sallie Holly Harper married John Edwards, a cousin to Avan's first wife and a brother to his last. Sallie is dead.

The history is now completed. The tale is told; but I can not lay down my pen without one fond, lingering, Parthian glance at dear old Smith County, the home of my childhood.

Not long ago I read a newspaper article, written by a Northern writer, describing certain military operations of the Civil War in Middle Tennessee in the month of February. In that article he described the day as one "such as is never seen at that time of year outside of the State of Tennessee." Oh, how that carried my memory back to those glorious, deliriously beautiful days that I passed in that delightful region more than a half century ago. Calm, quiet, clear, tranquil, halcyon days were those, when all nature was at rest, and conditions were such that mere existence was enjoyment.

Tennessee has been called the Switzerland of America, and also the Italy of the Western Continent. Surely those appellations are not undeserved. Often have I climbed her tallest hills in spring time, and with rapturous delight gazed upon her matchless landscapes, embracing hill and vale and ridge and mound and level meadow,—one vast billowy expanse, clothed in green, like a sea of emeralds rocked and tossed by a tempest. And when the mellow, golden, hazy days of autumn came I climbed those hills again, and looked out over that waving vista now clothed in a dress of red and green and yellow and brown and purple, reflecting the rays of the sun like burnished jewels, while winding among them were bright limpid streams, like silver threads, stringing those jewels together.

For fifty years I have been a self exile from that region with all its attributes of fertile fields, purling streams and bubbling springs of crystal water, fit nectar for the gods; but through all these years her memory has never grown dim.

What can I say of that delectable stream, the Caney Fork, the first river upon which my eyes ever gazed. It is a river with a very prozy name, but a more beautiful, a

more romantic, a more poetic stream never rolled its silvery waters over golden pebbles to the deep blue sea.

On the bank of that stream, where it parts like a rippling flood of molten silver around the head of Piper's Island sleep the remains of my maternal grand-mother, both of her parents, one of her sons and a number of other relatives, while the music of the water of this classic stream in rythmic cadences, chants their requiem forever.

THE END.

## ERRATA

Page 33, line 22; for Mary Laura Elder read Mary Laura Hawkins.

Page 33, line 23; for Chlo May read Cleo May.

Page 71, line 2; for Giden read Gideon.

Page 92, line 30; for George Ann Dollins read Laura Ann Dollins.

Page 111, line 10; for Princeton, Ky., read Memphis, Tenn.

Page 131, last line. Of the four children of Samuel R. Gass' first wife, two died in childhood. Mattie died unmarried after reaching young womanhood. Etta married James Thomas, but died young, leaving one child.

Page 139, top of page. Children of Robert S. Paris omitted. They are 4, as follows:

- 1.—Pauline, born at Gordonsville, Tenn., Sept. 6, 1894.
- 2—Ruby, born at Gordonsville, Tenn., June 25, 1896.
- 3—Clarence, born at Gordonsville, Tenn., Dec. 8, 1899.
- 4—Edith Sherman, born at Madisonville, Ky., July 4, 1909.

Page 140, line 1; for Henry H. Lynch read Garry H. Lynch.

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In counting lines in the above, all broken lines are counted.

















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